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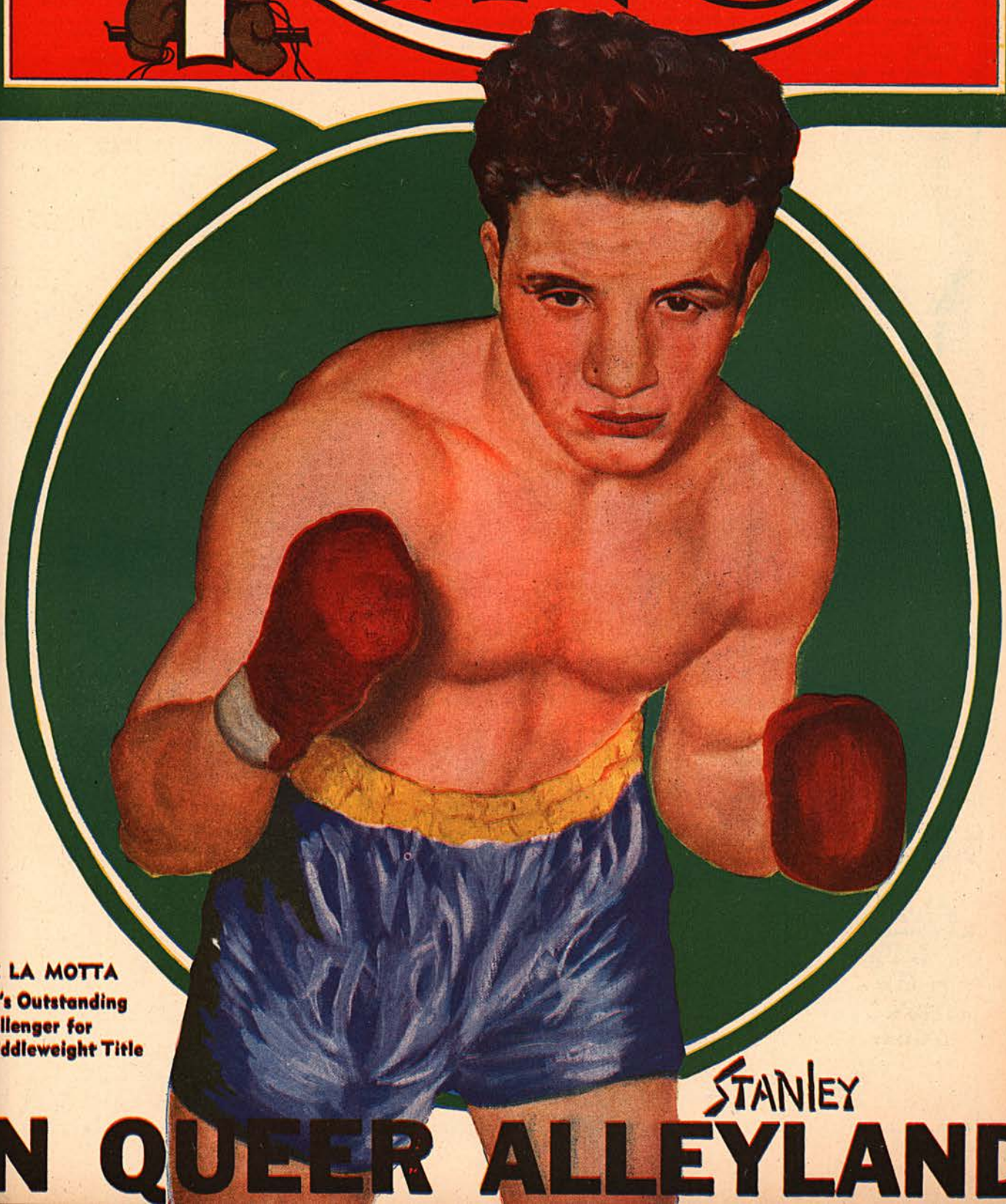

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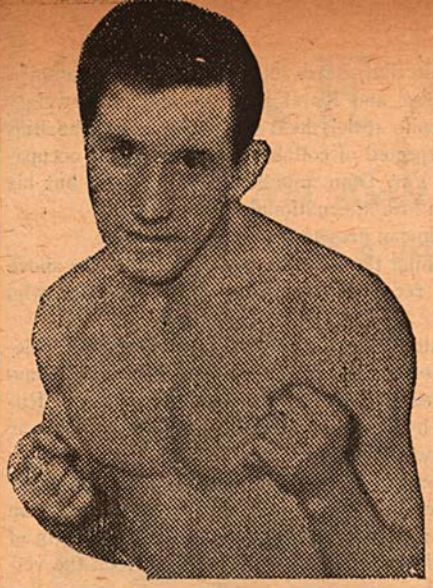
BOXING *in* EUROPE VERY MUCH ALIVE

French Bantam Medina Seeks World Recognition—Visit From Joe Would Help, But Joe Says "No"

By MAC POSSY

Staff Correspondent of THE RING



Jackie Paterson, who lost the European bantam crown to Theo Medina.

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM—Boxing is picking up in Europe. All of us over here feared that it would be a long time after the actual signing of the peace treaty for the sport to begin recovering. But it has come along in promising shape.

We have a few fighters in England and on the Continent who might make things interesting for some of your scrappers.

There is, for one, Theo Medina, the French 118 pounder, who took the bantam championship of Europe recently by stopping the veteran Scot Jackie Paterson in the fourth round.

As you know, in a previous meeting Paterson won on a foul.

The chief trouble with Medina is his rapid weight gaining. He had to sweat himself dizzy to make 117½ for Paterson and I believe will be at his best as a featherweight. Meanwhile, it might be interesting to match Medina with your Manuel Ortiz.

What European boxing needs badly is an appearance by Joe Louis. We all thought he was coming over to fight in London and Paris. But I am informed that Joe refuses to make the trip.

It is too bad that Jeff Dickson lost his life during the war. If this promoter still were operating in Paris, I am sure he would be able to lure Louis across the Atlantic. The world heavyweight champion could fill every arena in any city he cared to appear for exhibitions.

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FRANKLY, I do not know whom Louis would meet if he were to come. But that would not be too important just now.

Bruce Woodcock, who not so far back stopped Gus Lesnevich in the eighth, would not make a decent match for the Negro. However, Woodcock will have to be reckoned with in two years.

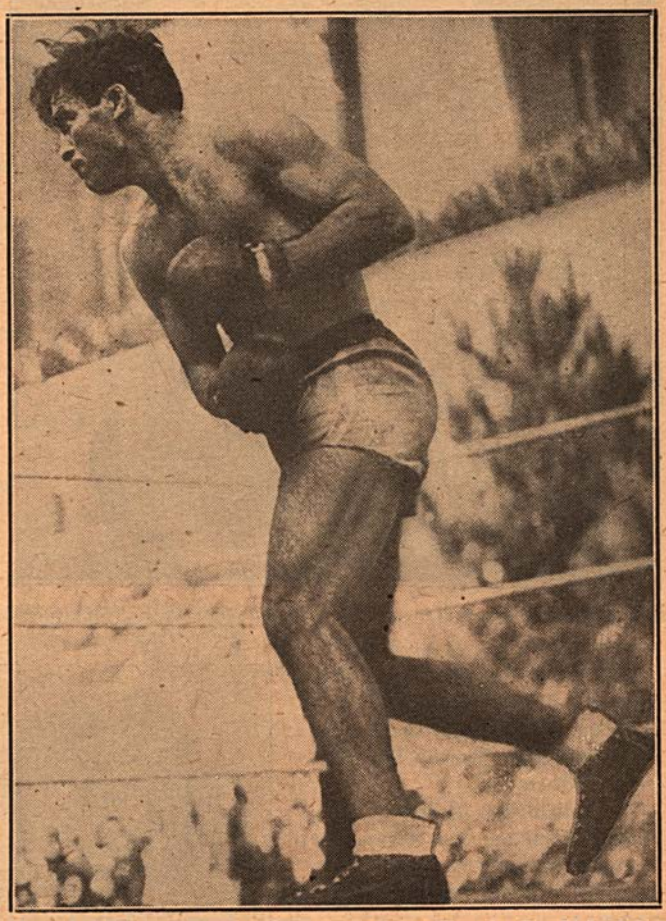
Lesnevich is wanted for Freddie Mills, but the American has informed London that he prefers to remain home and take on Billy Fox, with whom he says can get more money as he has been promised a guarantee of $50,000.

By this time, Marcel Cerdan doubtless is in America. This time for certain. He is to meet your former champion, Georgie Abrams, who still rates in your first ten. If Cerdan wins, he will tackle the winner of the Rocky Graziano-Tony Zale bout.

Please do not have me issuing challenges for European fighters against the Americans. Far from it.

I am convinced, as are all Europeans, that the Americans in all classes except in the flyweight division, outclass the Europeans. Joe Baksi's knockout of Freddie Mills, the latest of a series of defeats for the British stars from both Americans and the French, has sort of disheartened the British who thought that in Mills, Woodcock and Jackie Paterson, they had three aces. Woodcock's kayo of Lesnevich, alone, saves the face of the British.

It might be interesting if Ole Tandberg, the Swedish heavyweight, got a chance to learn something in the U. S. Tandberg is moving along slowly over here because he lacks the expert guidance a fighter gets in America.



Marcel Cerdan, French champion, who will make his U.S. debut shortly.

As you know, he whipped Jack London in June, and before that took Jock Porter and Ken Shaw.

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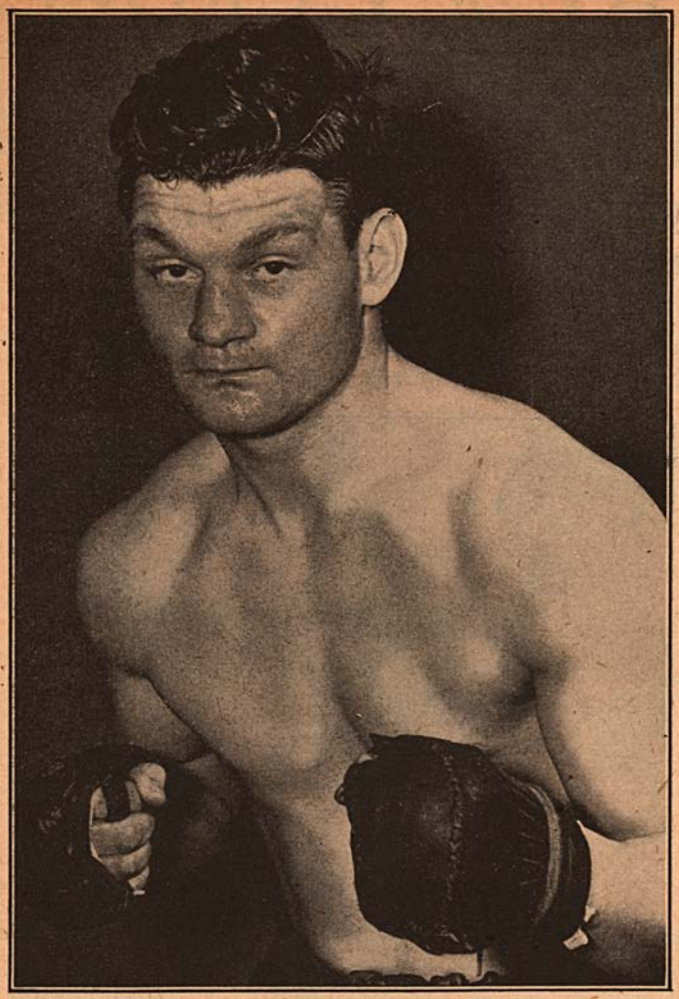
YEARS ago Europe was in a position to send the U. S. A. genuine fighters. Time has changed this and I do not see too many European boxers capable of sparkling in American rings.

The war increased the clear margin of superiority which America held over Europe. Nevertheless, in Continental Europe and in Great Britain some have done so well that they have drawn the attention of the most qualified experts in pugilism.

I remember the French idol, Georges Carpentier, who licked Battling Levinsky, but failed against that great Jack Dempsey.

And, what about that other French top performer, Eugene Criqui, who beat world champion Johnny Kilbane? and Andre Routis, another Frenchman, who outpointed world champion Tony Canzoneri. Carpentier, Criqui and Routis were stars of the best stuff.



Bruce Woodcock, victor over Gus Lesnevich in a heavyweight bout.

Then there was Max Schmeling, who never disappointed in an American ring. Political questions aside, Schmeling was a worthy European sports ambassador.

The Italian giant, Primo Carnera, in spite of all the odd stories sent the world around by his manager, Leon See, did win the heavyweight crown.

Anton Christoforidis, of Greek nationality, was another European whose name is written on the world's honor tablets in boxing.

In a period of more than twenty-five years, only six Europeans took world honors on American territory. Certainly we are not very proud of that record. However, that is a consolation as we know how hard it is for a European to make the grade in the United States.

Besides Carpentier, Criqui, Routis, Schmeling, Carnera and Christoforidis I mention Battling Siki, Senegalese negro, who left a miserable souvenir in the fighting story and Marcel Thil, French champion, a worthy middleweight who made the mistake of crossing the ocean when his heyday was over.

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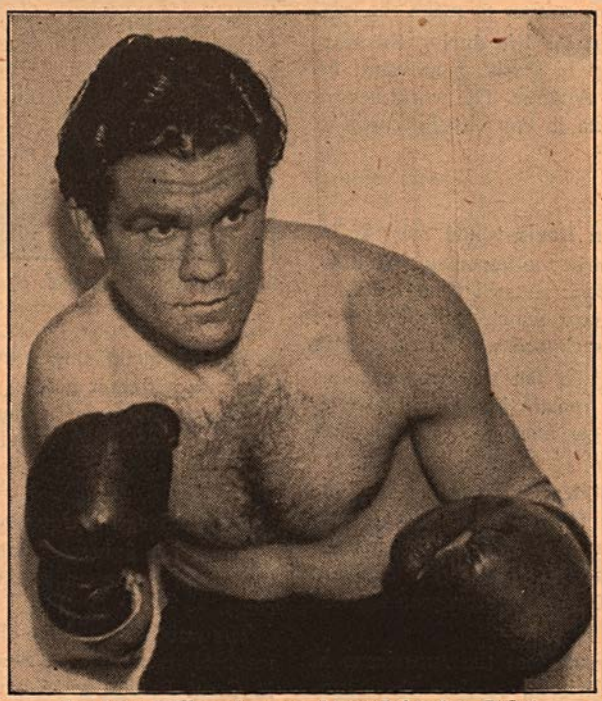
DURING the war, except for a few exceptions, the British and European boxers were inactive. Since the Liberation, pugilistic life has revived on this side of the ocean.



Freddie Mills, who was kayoed by Joe Baksi.

Belgium may bring in line hard hitting flyweight champion of Europe, Raoul Degryse, and Karel Sys, the best heavyweight in Continental Europe, who still is in trouble with the authorities of his country. He is suspected of collaboration during the occupation. Holland has Luc. Van Dam, middleweight kingpin, but his erratic career makes him lose international consideration.

Neither Italy nor Spain can present a worthy contender.

And thinking back behind the pre-war period, besides the above mentioned Europeans, I recollect some other first-class boys who did well in America.

Italy sent Cleto Locatelli, Spoldi and Venturi. Denmark delegated bantamweight Pete Sanstol. Holland sent Bep. Van Klaveren. Belgium approached highest honors with Rene Devos. Rumania was represented by Theodoresco. Finland had its Gunnar Barlund, and Germany was proud of Eric Seelig.

And what about European Boxing Federations? I will never forget that ridiculous decision of the International Boxing Union agreeing with the organization of a heavyweight championship of the world, in Brussels a few years before the war, between the veteran negro George Godfrey and Pierre Charles, champion of Europe. It was a very amusing vaudeville, leaving Godfrey world champion, I. B. U. edition.

If ever the Americans heard about that joke, well, I am sure that they laughed for days and days.

Actually things seem to have taken a better trend. Great Britain, which did not recognize the authority of the I. B. U., now has entered a new body grouping all the European Federations.

Maybe European boxing will be better governed in the future. But why allow a European Flyweight championship between the Belgian Raoul Degryse and the French Famechon?

I hope the new European organization will not repeat the silly errors of past "governing" bodies. That would make recovery over here all the more difficult.

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THE British have learned that the American fighters in all divisions but the flyweights outclass the Europeans. For a time the British had hoped that the post-war fighters would hold their own against the Americans, but the knockout of Cyril Galle, Harry Silver and Freddie Mills has convinced the British that they cannot cope with the cream of the United States pugilists in international contests.

The terrific shellacking that Mills received in his battle with Joe Baksi was so unexpected that it shocked the followers of the fistic sport in London, though many of the scribes, in their pre-fight stories, indicated that Baksi was too strong for Freddie, though the American worked in lackadaisical style in his tune-ups.

Perhaps the shortage of food in Europe is responsible for the flop of the British. Their contention is that while the Americans were eating off the fat of the land, they had to be content with powdered eggs and other such food throughout the war. Even to this day, such is the case. Proper diet is a big factor in a fighter's life.

In the fight between Mills and Baksi, the Britisher had plenty of courage but he was fighting against great odds and the strain finally told. As a light-heavyweight, or cruiserweight, as the class is known on this side of the Big Pond, Mills rates with the best. Americans mustn't sell him short because of the Baksi knockout. They should judge him by his fine showing in the fight with Gus Lesnevich, in which he more than held his own until his wounds forced him to quit in the tenth round.

FLUKE FLINGS *to the* JAW

They Do Not Exist in Boxing, Say the Experts—"Lucky Punch" Is a Myth, According to Benny Leonard

By THE VETERAN

Benny Leonard, who says there is no such thing as a lucky punch.

HOW great a role does luck play in boxing?

Following the knockout of Rocky Graziano by Tony Zale after the middleweight king had received a severe shellacking from the challenger, the old standby, "the lucky punch" received considerable attention.

As in the case of Jack Dempsey when he lost his title to Gene Tunney in the Sesquicentennial Stadium in Philadelphia, Graziano, interviewed on his defeat by the scribes in his dressing room, said:

"Zale was the better man tonight. Perhaps next time I meet him I'll know how to protect my chin a little better."

Speak to the average top fighter and he'll tell you that what appears like a lucky punch to the fight fan, is not so regarded by the recipient, as a rule. He realizes that it requires more than Lady Luck to put a good fighter away. He senses the fact that the man who scored the victory took full advantage of the opening he detected or the faults he saw.

Is there such a thing as a "lucky punch," we asked several fighters and managers, among them Benny Leonard, Jersey Jones, Dan Morgan, Kid McPartland, Patsy Haley, Jake LaMotta and Charley Burley. Each agreed that luck might play a part in ultimate victory, but that keen observation, cleverness and quick action are the attributes that count most in registering a kayo.

"Dal Hawkins was the inventor of the 'fluke' fling to the jaw," said Patsy Haley, "and I know that Dal always insisted that the 'lucky punch' did not exist. Dal was perhaps the most remarkable one-punch fighter that ever let a fist fly, and in discussing that very point several years ago, Dal said that the fellow who insisted he was beaten by a lucky punch, is the chap who always is ready with an alibi."

"When a man goes into the ring, walks to the center, shakes hands and then steps back and puts up his guard," chirped Eddie Walker, a first-rate fight manager, "there isn't a chance in the world for a lucky punch. If the other fellow pops you on the chin in the first minute, that is perfectly legitimate. He's there to get you and you are there with the same idea in mind, and that first effective punch is what frequently counts most in the final result," wound up Eddie.

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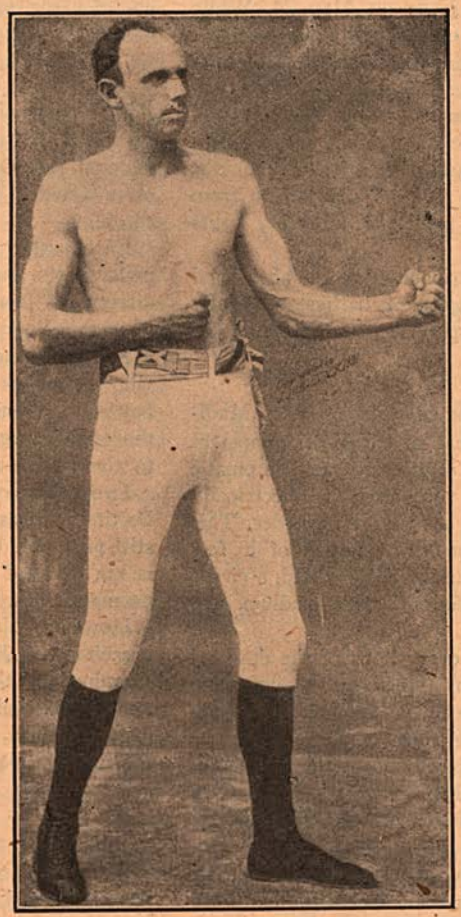
DAL HAWKINS was famous for his left-hand punch. Patsy Haley claims that little Hawkins hit a harder punch with his left than most middleweights ever did with their right. He knocked Martin Flaherty out in four seconds at Carson, the shortest fight on record for many a day. Every time a man walked out of his corner towards Hawkins the cry was: "Look out for that left!" The fans feared what would happen.



Bob Fitzsimmons who ridiculed Corbett's assertion that the solar plexus blow was a lucky wallop.

With few exceptions the men who fought Hawkins took the count in the first round. They were always warned, but Hawkins had the knack of whipping over that deadly left, and then it was chills and fever for the man who stopped the blow with his jaw.

Hawkins said these punches weren't lucky. The men simply couldn't get away from them, he would remark. He dropped Frank Erne in San Francisco before Erne knew he was in a fight. As Frank walked up to Hawkins, the usual cry of: "Look out for that left" greeted his ears. Erne smiled, feinted once, and bang! After all the care he had taken to watch, he fell a victim to it.

Nate Lewis, veteran fight manager who handled Kid Herman in his bout with Joe Gans at Tonopah on January 1, 1907, when Joe kayoed Nate's boy in the eighth round, said recently that he went into Joe Gans' dressing room the night he fought Hawkins in New York, and told Joe that he had a little bet down on him, but to be sure and look out for that "left." Gans grinned and said: "Oh, he can't hit me with that, Mr. Lewis."

But Hawkins did. The first crack out of the box he brought it over on Joe's jaw and down he went. Joe came back all right, but the minute he got back in the dressing room

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BEHIND *the* SCENES

Madison Square Garden a Beehive of Activity on the Day of a Fight

By IRVING RUDD

IT'S fight night in Madison Square Garden and the contestants in the opening four-round bout are ready to clamber through the ropes. The fan who sits contentedly in his ringside seat eager for the action to begin, is totally unaware of the voluminous details necessary for this card of fights.

Since eleven o'clock in the morning the floor of the "House that Tex Built" has been a bustling beehive of activity. While each bout is run off with rapid smoothness, an enormous amount of work and preparation continues, as hundreds of individuals, with completely diverse jobs, cooperate in amazing fashion to make the boxing show a success.

The action really begins at the downtown offices of the New York State Boxing Commission. Let's go behind the scenes at the weighing-in ceremonies of the fight between Lee Oma and Jersey Joe Walcott which took place on May 24. While boxers who appear at the smaller clubs are examined and weighed earlier, the Garden contestants arrive at the Commission offices at a few minutes past noon. Downstairs in the basement is a large room with chairs situated along the walls. A scale stands toward the front of the room. Present are the 20th Century publicist, Harry Markson, and the matchmaker Nat Rogers and their assistants. Each club requests a physician from the roster of the Commission, and the medico at most big fights for the Garden is Dr. Nardillo.

Also on hand is the deputy commissioner, Pat Callahan, and Chief Inspector McCabe, and for important battles, especially title bouts, Colonel Eagan helps supervise the weighing of the boxers.

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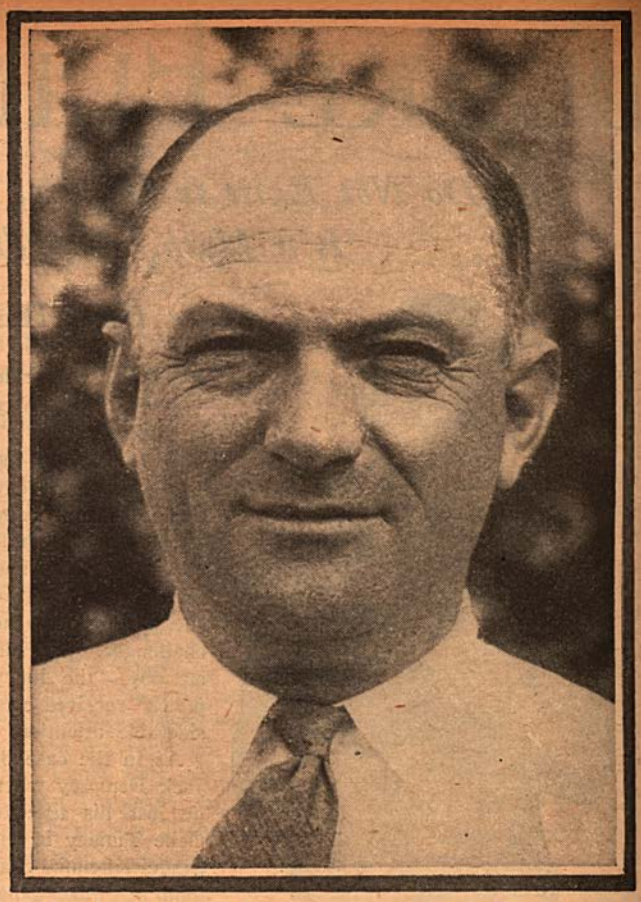
AT this moment a flashback to the cavernous, empty Madison Square Garden will reveal a corps of competent workmen busily erecting the ring, connecting the automatic lights on the ringposts and making sure that the electrically controlled clock and timing equipment is in working order. This is the fabulous Garden crew, who on short notice of a few hours, can convert the huge arena into an ice hockey field, a circus ground, a convention hall, basketball court, boxing stadium, and set a giant stage for benefit shows.

These master mechanics are on call every hour of the day and are divided into groups of electricians, engineers, maintenance men. Some are even expert ice skaters! Yes, the fellow you observe tightening the middle strand of the ropes on the ring may be the same chap who skillfully skates up and down the ice, clearing the playing area of slush and debris between periods of a hockey match or during the intermission of an ice spectacle staged by Sonja Henie.

Back in the basement, the weighing-in room begins to become crowded as the prelim boys with their handlers, photographers and newspapermen begin to arrive. Jersey Joe Walcott, sober of face and dress, flanked by Manager Vic Marsillo and a few friends enters. He nods in greeting to a few of his acquaintances and retires to a corner of the room to disrobe for the examination. A few moments later a cheerily confident, almost exuberant Lee Oma enters. He approaches Walcott, hand extended, and cordially says, "Hi-ya!"



Mike Jacobs, the man who stages boxing in the Garden, world's greatest fistic emporium.

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TO most of the fighters on the supporting bill this is old stuff, but one newcomer, Pete Mead, a middleweight stablemate of Lee Oma, fighting for the first time in New York and on a Garden card to boot, is eagerly taking in all the proceedings.

Each battler steps on and off the scales briskly, clad only in undershorts and shoes. A neatly swept green felt carpet is laid directly in front of the scales and the lads deposit their shoes upon this floor covering before stepping up to be weighed.

After stepping off the scales the boys step over to the doctor, who examines their eyes with a flashlight, and asks each battler to clench and unclench his fists. Then a brief, but thorough going over with the stethoscope and the men head back to the chairs and their clothing.

Everything runs smoothly until it is learned that Al Blake, the Baltimore heavyweight, an intended foe for Onelio Agramonte, stiff-punching Cuban, has suffered a split lip in training. This is the dreaded "break" in a card which plagues a matchmaker, no matter how large or small his club may be.

However, Nat Rogers, Garden matchmaker, quickly fills the breach with Henry Taylor, a fighter from Philly. Blake is examined by the medico, who confirms that Al is in no condition to box tonight because of his lip injury and the Commission excuses Blake. Had Blake or his manager neglected to notify the boxing board, the Baltimorean would have been suspended.

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NOW the photographers ready their flashbulbs as first Jersey Joe steps up on the scales and tilts the Toledos over to the 191½ mark. Oma follows and he scales 192¾. The boys pose shaking hands, with Colonel Eagan.

Colonel Eagan calls both main bout contestants aside and tells them he is expecting a first rate heavyweight brawl. The

Madison Square Garden, the scene of many historic fistic events. It is in this famous arena, over which General John Reed Kilpatrick presides, that Mike Jacobs brings outstandings boxers to perform.

Commission chairman impresses each man with the importance of the scrap.

Walcott is still serious and Oma gay as the heavyweights leave the Commission offices. Most fighters retire to a hotel where, at about three in the afternoon, they partake of their last big meal before the bout. This usually consists of a huge, rare steak, baked potato or spinach, followed by a stewed fruit or compote and tea. Some boxers eat toasted whole wheat bread, while others shy away from the staff of life. Shortly afterward the boxer retires for a nap, after which he heads for the arena. While the majority of men prefer a pre-fight nap, a minority admit that they cannot relax. These jittery fellows usually follow up their main meal with a visit to the movies.

With slight variations this is the routine of most pugilists on the day of a fight. Commission rules state that preliminary performers must arrive at a club at 7:30 in the evening, main go stars no later than eight. Meanwhile the activity in the background continues. Publicist Harry Markson has been in and out of the Garden at least twenty times during the day checking on the progress of the workmen who are erecting the ring. Harry must also check the working press and radio locations for the horde of newspapermen and broadcasters.

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AT about 6:45 in the evening, the staff of special policemen and ushers arrives at the Garden. For a boxing show, approximately seventy men are on duty. Horace Vail is in charge of these snappily uniformed, polite men who boast of two ex-boxers in Harry Lewis and Happy Howard. Since the jobs are only part-time, a goodly number of the men hold down regular jobs as Wall Street clerks, construction workers, bank guards, private detectives, and salesmen. The majority of these men saw service in either the First or Second World Wars.

The boxing gloves to be used for the entire card are brought in by the glove custodians Sol Bimstein, brother of Whitey the trainer, and big Al Levinsky. Lest anyone snicker at the title of "glove custodian" theirs is a responsible job. The shiny new leather mittens, which have been stored by the 20th Century S. C. until fight night are safely sealed in boxes and are not broken open until a commission inspector orders it. Then the gloves are watched by the opposing managers and in extremely rare instances are donned right in the ring. Bimstein and Levinsky also have charge of the two large dressing rooms for the preliminary performers.

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ENTERING the huge dressing rooms we see the prelim boys in various stages of preparation for their respective bouts. Prentiss Hall, a lightheavy from Buffalo, like Peter Mead, is making his Gotham debut and he is having his hands bandaged by Al Lang who will work in his corner. The first bout, a four spot, pairs Bernie Reynolds, a hard-hitting protege of Gus Lesnevich, with Hugh Walker, and the faint roar of the crowd trickles into the room as both boys slug it out in the ring.

Stretched out on a rubbing table is a young fellow whose hands are bandaged, but except for boxing shoes, he is still dressed in his street clothes. Donald Murray is the lad's name and he is trying to catch a nap to kill time as he awaits the "if" call for an emergency bout with one Hal Robbins. They are welterweights and whether or not they fight tonight, each boy will receive $25. Should Murray and Robbins be called into the ring to help kill precious time until the radio broadcasting begins, they will receive $150, the minimum for a Garden four-round prelim fight.

Mike Jacobs pokes his head into the door and a couple of the boys nod to the promoter. Bernie Reynolds, his face flushed, hair tousled, enters and to the cries of "Howja make out?" modestly replies that he has kayoed his opponent.

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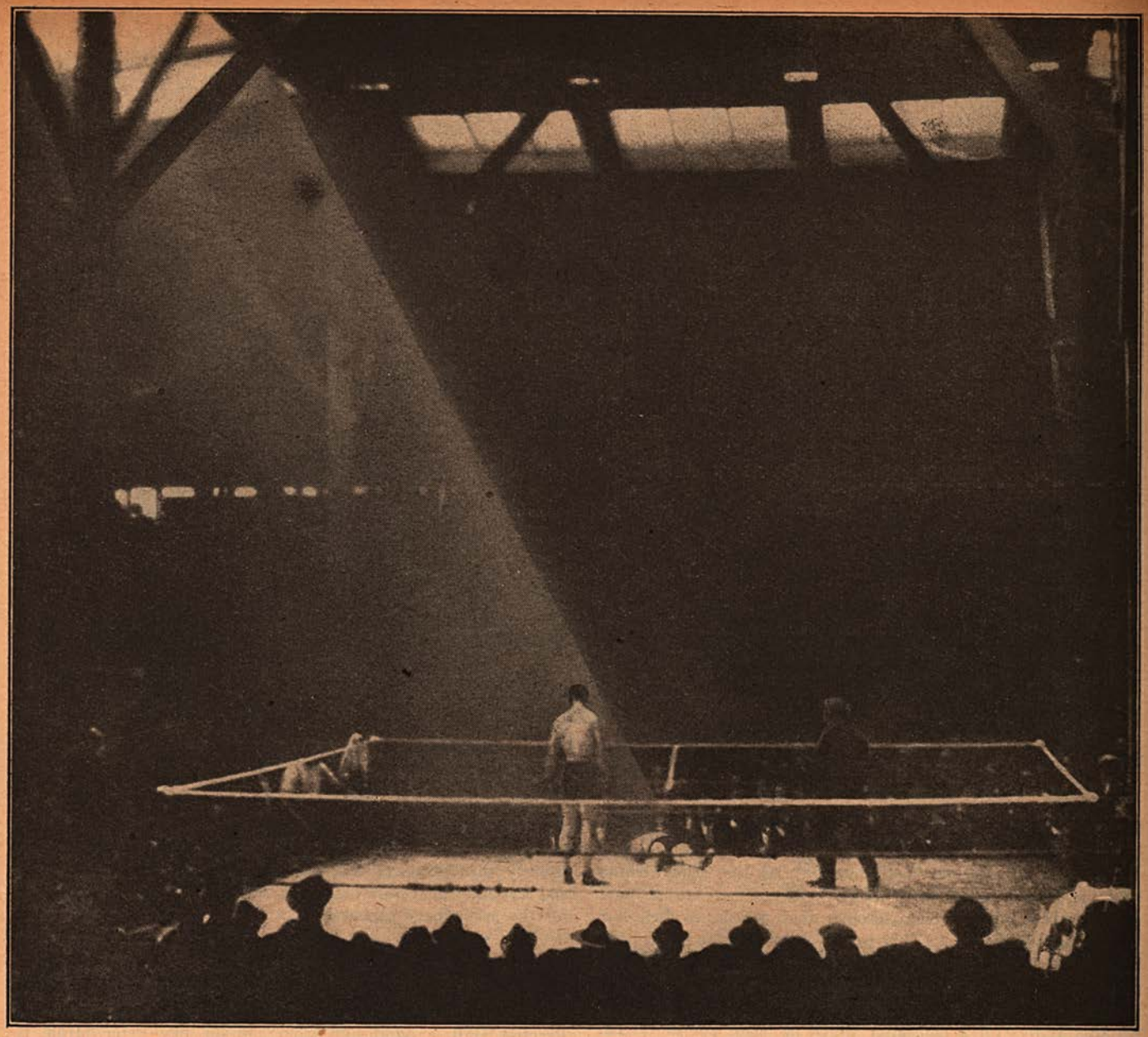
THE dressing rooms of the star bout contestants are usually located on the Ninth Avenue side of the arena, but this being a hot night it is observed that veteran trainer Ray Arcel is moving Jersey Joe Walcott to a cooler spot with the approval of Colonel Eagan. The referee's and judges' quarters are usually changed from week to week and are carefully guarded. This job or the chore of guarding the *(Continued on page 31)*



One second of sunlight in the tragic ending of the McCarty-Pelky fight.

LUTHER McCARTY TRAGIC FIGURE *of* WHITE HOPE ERA

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

ON JULY 4, 1909, at Reno, Nev., the Negro Jack Johnson knocked out Jim Jeffries in the 15th round, and achieved official recognition as the heavyweight champion of the world. Johnson had gained a sort of semi-official hold on the title on December 26, 1908, when he stopped Tommy Burns in 14 rounds at Sydney.

Jeffries had retired in 1905, and declared that the winner of the Marvin Hart-Jack Root fight would take over the title. But four years later Jeff was persuaded to come out of retirement and meet Johnson. Jeff proved just "a hollow shell."

On that Fourth in 1909, a racial movement got under way. Not so many years have passed, and yet, today, that movement has inconceivable facets. Out of Johnson's official acquisition of the title grew the White Hope era.

The day Jack knocked out Jim, there was serious rioting between whites and Negroes in Chicago, and the event did not pass without trouble in New York, either.

The whites—that is, whites of a certain stamp—resented the implications of the Johnson victory. They regarded it as tragic that a Negro should have demonstrated supremacy over a Caucasian in anything so physical as pugilism.

Nowadays even whites in the Deep South have no special feelings about seeing a Negro—Joe Louis—hold the heavyweight championship of the world. To be sure, they would prefer it another way. But since it is that way, they don't write letters to the newspapers, they don't go about dragging Negroes off street cars the way they did on July 4, 1910.

There is a different notion of social justice today, and it has played a tremendous part in the development of so many Negro champions and "shortstops" in this country.

HOWEVER, in 1909, the rise of Johnson started a movement which sought his fall.

The White Hope era spawned tournaments all over the United States, the object of which was to develop white heavyweights and out of that group, bring a man who could restore the supremacy of the White Race.

The chief product of this White Hope movement was Jess Willard, who on April 5, 1915, at Havana, knocked out Johnson in the 26th round, and ended the suzerainty of the Black Race in the world of pugilism.

The night Joe Louis won the title back for the Negroes by stopping Jim Braddock at Chicago on June 22, 1937, in the eighth round, the section which in 1909 had rioted took the change as a matter of course.

Today we have no White Hope movement. Yes, it would be interesting if a Caucasian with sufficient skill and power to wrest the title from Louis came along.

But there is no conscious effort, no organized drive, to take the championship from Joe, no campaign to build up a white fighter, as such, for the definite and sole purpose of ending the pugilistic reign of a Negro because the old time ill feeling is gone. The racial hatred in boxing has long passed and Joe has been a credit to his people, his country and to boxing.

Yes, there was some such tag on a campaign which gave us the somewhat less than terrific Lee Savold, but it did not gain recognition among the fight fans of the country. It was more of a press campaign than a popular movement, more of a box office affair than an actual drive against a Negro champion as a Negro.

In the light of present conditions, and with an eye to the social aspects as well as the pugilistic involvements thereof, let us examine the White Hope era which set in on July 4, 1909, and place its Caucasian products under our fistic microscope.

The standout white heavyweights in the Hope era were Jess Willard, Arthur Pelky, Luther McCarty, Frank Moran, Carl Morris, Al Palzer, Jim Coffey, Al Kaufman, Jim Flynn, Al Reich, Al Benedict, Boer Rodel, the English champion Bombardier Wells, the French champion Georges Carpentier, Gunboat Smith, and Soldier Kearns.

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SOME DAY an adroit and tireless technician, perhaps my pal Nat Fleischer, will set down all the important happenings of the White Hope era and place its fistic outcroppings on his pitiless dissecting table. It would make a grand story.

It was an era without parallel in the history of the fight game. It was a period of frenzy and hysteria, of playing up racial antagonisms, of conniving and skullduggery, of cashing in on Jim Crowism.

Obviously it would be utterly impossible to deal with even one tenth of the White Hope story here. However, we can go back to the fight in which McCarty, who doubtless would have succeeded Johnson, lost his life, and the contests in which the White Supremacy went first to Gunboat Smith and then to Carpentier, who was to come to this country to be knocked out by Jack Dempsey on July 2, 1921, at Jersey City.

In 1913, Jack Johnson ran into a lot of trouble with our Federal authorities. It appeared likely that the Negro never would return to the United States, so a White Championship tournament was organized.

Luther McCarty was born on March 20, 1892. He entered professional boxing in 1911, and scored seven consecutive knockouts.

Luther stopped Carl Morris in six. He belted out Al Kaufman in two, stopped Jim Flynn in 16, knocked out Al Palzer in 18.

A New York fight with Frank Moran, ten rounds to no official decision, showed Luther to advantage. A New York engagement with Jess Willard in 1912 also had redounded to the credit of the cowhand.

Finally McCarty, managed by the astute Billy McCarney, was announced as the new heavyweight champion of the world. The claim was spurious, the hold on the "title" phoney. But there were thousands and thousands of fight fans in this country who were all too eager to accept Luther as the successor to Johnson. After all, this was no more fantastic than the donation of the title by Jeffries to the Hart-Boot winner.

HAVING proclaimed McCarty as the "real champion," McCarney matched him with Arthur Pelky for May 24, 1913, at Calgary, Canada.

Arthur Pelky, born Andrew Arthur Peltier, at Chatham, Ontario, on October 27, 1884, came of French-Irish-Canadian stock. Strictly a product of the White Hope movement, he made his debut in the ring in 1910.

Six feet one and a half, weighing 210 pounds, Pelky was built for fighting. He made rapid progress in gaining the match with McCarty.

This tragic contest produced one of the most remarkable photographs yet made of a boxing contest.

McCarty lies on the ring floor and through a skylight comes a slant of the sun's rays, to strike the fallen, and dying fighter.

Much has been made of this photograph by those with occult and mystic bent. It had a definite religious connotation.

While McCarty and Pelky sat in their corners awaiting the bell, the promoter of the fight, Tommy Burns, asked the local minister to climb through the ropes and deliver a sort of invocation.

"In the midst of life, we are in death," said the prophetic pastor. "Even these huge athletes are not immune. The giants and the weaklings must obey the inevitable law. These men, sitting here, awaiting the start of this fight, do not know when they will be struck down. Let all of us, then, resolve to live our lives so that when we are called, we shall not be found wanting."

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THE minister left the ring. The bell rang. The fighters exchanged punches, and soon McCarty lay dead on the canvas.

May 24, 1913, was a dark, overcast day in Calgary. When the fighters climbed into the ring, there wasn't a ray of sunshine, not a rift in the cloud canopy. Yet, soon after the minister had uttered those prophetic words, there came a break, and as McCarty lay there, a slant of sunlight struck his prostrate form, That sunshine lasted just ten seconds. Then the sun was blotted out again, and Luther was dead.

Burns had built a huge wooden arena for this fight. It seated 10,000. When McCarty and Pelky came into the ring there wasn't a vacant seat in the house.

Ed Smith was the referee. The time of day was 12:30, certainly an odd one for a fight. But then, this was in Calgary.

The gong sounded, and Luther sent a right to the jaw. Pelky tapped McCarty on the face and they clinched. Then Pelky landed on the jaw and McCarty on the body.

They broke, and then McCarty went after Arthur again. All of a sudden Luther's knees buckled. His arms dropped to his side. His body slipped slowly, gradually, to the floor and he rolled over on his face, gasping desperately for breath.

Pelky was mystified. What was this all about? He hadn't struck a blow. Smith could not understand it either, yet his was not to question why, but to begin counting.

"One!" shouted the referee, and that slant of sunlight bore down on McCarty.

Luther was counted out. The crowd was furious. There were shouts of "Fake" and it looked as if there would be serious trouble.

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MOUNTED police had to ride into the arena and disperse the angry customers. McCarney realized quickly that something very serious had happened. Luther could not be revived. He was finished, his career ended at the age of 21.

Smith was horrified. "To think that I counted out a dead man," he kept saying, over and over again.

What had happened? Some said that McCarty had been suffering from heart trouble.

It is quite definite now that McCarty, who had been hurt in a fall from a horse, had suffered a broken neck in that last fight.

Pelky was arrested after the so-called fight, and kept crying, "Did I kill him? Did I kill him?"

After it had been established that McCarty had died of natural causes, Pelky still could not get over the shock.

Arthur did not fight again in 1913. The next year he was beaten by Gunboat Smith. Then came a knockout by a third rater, Kid Kenneth. In 1915, Fred Fulton stopped Pelky in the fifth round, and Arthur's career as a boxer was about over.

On March 4, 1915, Pelky was stopped by Jim Coffey in two rounds in New York. That was the finish. Arthur moved to Ford City, Okla., and became a policeman. He died of sleeping sickness on February 18, 1921.

The death of McCarty left Pelky the champion of the White Hopes.

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NOW came Gunboat Smith to dispute Pelky's right to the leadership. The Gunner's 1913 record was far more impressive than Pelky's. Smith had knocked out Bombardier Wells in two rounds. He had beaten Jess Willard in a 20-round fight, stopped Jim Flynn, beaten Carl Morris on a foul, knocked out Tony Ross and won from Sam Langford.

Smith's fight with Pelky took place on January 1, 1914, in Daly City, Cal., and the Navy man won by a knockout in 15 heats.

There was no question about Smith's being the better man. The Gunner was expected to stop Carpentier when they met in London on July 16, 1914, but the American's rough and tumble style did not appeal to Referee Eugene Corri, who gave the fight to the Orchid Man on a foul in the sixth round.

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FROM McCarty to Pelky to Smith to Carpentier, the White Hope title had been moving toward an ostensible threat to Johnson. Yet, when Jack was stopped in 1915, it was not by the Frenchman, but by Jess Willard, who had been building himself into the true contender since McCarty's death.

McCarty's most impressive triumph came in his 18-round victory over the gigantic Al Palzer at Los Angeles on January 1, 1913.

Palzer, from Ossian, Iowa, 6 feet 2¾ inches, 227 pounds, a massive man with a good punch, shared in the tragedy which seemed to trail the White Hopers. After a brief career, Al was killed by his father on July 26, 1914, in their home in Minnesota.

Palzer had 22 pounds on McCarty, 227 against 205. However, McCarty was vastly the better fighter. Al was no mental giant and could do nothing without his manager, Tom O'Rourke, who shouted his instructions through a megaphone. Naturally, McCarty could hear just as well as Al, and after the 11th round it was just a question of how much longer the Iowan could take it.

Palzer was not knocked out. In fact, he was not even knocked down. But in the 18th round even so hardened a veteran referee as Charley Eyton could not stand it any longer and called a halt.

Early in the fight Luther again busted Palzer's broken nose. Later McCarty opened up an old wound over Al's right eye. After that it was belt and wallop, as Luther socked his way toward—Calgary and death.

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THE round-by-round story of the McCarty-Palzer fight is a saga of punishment if ever there was one and deserves a place in the annals of the sour science. Here they are, punches and more punches:

First Round—Palzer rushed and McCarty met him coming in, shooting a left and right to the head. McCarty drove a hard right to Palzer's eye. Palzer missed two hard rights and a left. Palzer was wild and McCarty had little trouble evading his swings. Palzer finally reached McCarty's jaw with a hard right. The Iowan staggered McCarty with a hard straight left to the chin and brought blood from McCarty's lip with another straight left. They clinched. As the bell rang Palzer stopped to shake hands with McCarty. The round was even.

Second Round—McCarty landed a hard right to Palzer's jaw and Palzer made several vicious swings, which Luther ducked. They exchanged rights to head and hard body blows in a clinch. McCarty drove a terrific left to Palzer's left eye, raising a lump. Palzer reached McCarty's face with two straight lefts and Luther sent Al's head back with a left to the face. Both landed hard lefts to the face. McCarty brought blood from Palzer's nose with a right swing and buried lefts and rights wrist deep in Al's midsection. McCarty apparently landed at will on Palzer's stomach. It was McCarty's round.

Third Round—Palzer sent a right to the body and followed with two more hard rights to the stomach. Both missed and they went into a clinch. After the break McCarty rammed a straight left to Palzer's face and followed with a right and left to the body. McCarty landed a light left to the face and cleverly blocked a terrific right swing. Palzer in a clinch hooked a left to McCarty's face. McCarty rammed Palzer's jaw with right and left with terrific speed. An exchange at ring-center was even. It was McCarty's round.

Fourth Round—After feinting, McCarty landed a light left to the face and drove a right to stomach. McCarty swung a hard right and a left to the face, and Palzer sent three straight lefts to the jaw. McCarty put his right to Palzer's jaw. The round was even.

Fifth Round—Both of Palzer's eyes were swollen when he came up in the fifth. McCarty drove a hard right to the ribs, sent his right to the chin and swung a hard right uppercut to the face, missing the jaw by a whisker. Palzer drove a vicious right to McCarty's heart, and McCarty put two lefts to the face, causing Palzer's mouth and nose to bleed. Palzer drove a hard left to McCarty's chin, but the cowboy merely grinned. It was McCarty's round.

Sixth Round—Palzer put two straight lefts to McCarty's face. McCarty swung his right to the jaw, causing another flow of blood from Palzer's mouth. Palzer sent McCarty to the ropes with two lefts to the face, but McCarty bounced back smiling. Palzer was covered with blood when he went to his corner, looking groggy. It was McCarty's round.

Seventh Round—McCarty drove a terrific right to Palzer's jaw, almost throwing him off his feet. Palzer shook his head and plunged in again reaching McCarty's jaw with a left. The Missourian came back with a right hook to the chin. Palzer's left eye bled profusely. Both men were laughing as they went to their corners. It was McCarty's round.

Eighth Round—McCarty sent a hard right to the wind and a left to the face. Palzer rocked McCarty's head with two straight lefts. It was McCarty's round by a shade.

Ninth Round—Palzer staggered McCarty with a left to the face and they clinched. Palzer drove a terrific blow to the wind, and McCarty retaliated with a terrific right swing that sent Palzer's head back. Both men fought desperately. The round was even.

Tenth Round—Palzer came up aggressively and put three lefts to McCarty's jaw. Both men appeared to be slowing up. Three straight lefts followed by a hard right brought the blood from Palzer's eye. McCarty slipped to the mat, but was up in an instant. A straight left opened a slight cut under McCarty's right eye. The round was even.

Eleventh Round—McCarty drove a terrific left to Palzer's right eye and Palzer was almost blind. He rushed McCarty almost desperately, only to be met by a right to the stomach and another left swing to his injured eye. Palzer was dazed as the gong rang. The crowd rose to its feet yelling for McCarty. It was McCarty's round.

Twelfth Round—McCarty sent a crashing left to Palzer's mouth and Palzer reeled stupidly about. Both of Palzer's cheeks and his mouth and right eye were bleeding profusely. Palzer did not land a blow during the round. It was McCarty's round.

Thirteenth Round—Palzer reached McCarty's ribs with his long left and the cowboy sent his crashing right against Palzer's jaw. A terrific right swing cut Palzer's left ear. As the bell rang McCarty smothered Palzer with a fusillade of terrific swings to the head and body and Palzer reeled to his corner. It was McCarty's round.

Fourteenth Round—Palzer came up viciously and after reaching McCarty with right straight-arm blows, McCarty again staggered him with a series of straight lefts to the face and stomach. McCarty smiled as he took a hard left to the face, again working his right and left to Palzer's face with precision. It was McCarty's round.

Fifteenth Round—Palzer put a left to the jaw and a right to the stomach. McCarty followed Palzer about the ring and sent his right and left at will to the face and body. Palzer hung on to McCarty's neck as the Missourian shot rights and lefts to the wind. Palzer was sadly dazed at the bell.

Sixteenth Round—Palzer rushed in at McCarty, and McCarty swung rights and lefts to the body. Palzer soon was staggering about the ring from blows to the head. The Iowan rallied and put his left to McCarty's face and the cowboy again sent him back with well placed blows to the stomach. Palzer was hanging on as the bell rang.

Seventeenth Round—Palzer was groggy as he came up for the seventeenth round, but there was no doubt of his courage. His ability to assimilate punishment appeared to be his sole asset. McCarty put two terrific rights to the jaw and followed with straight lefts to the injured eye. A short uppercut to the jaw almost finished Palzer and the Iowan hung on with his eyes half closed. Palzer hit McCarty low and the referee cautioned the big fellow. Palzer could hardly find his corner at the bell.

Eighteenth Round—Palzer stumbled into a terrific left hook and hung onto McCarty's shoulder. McCarty shot a hard left to the jaw and played a terrific tattoo on Palzer's body. The blood flowed from Palzer's eyes and mouth as McCarty shot two terrific straight lefts to his head. As Palzer staggered about blindly, Referee Eyton rushed to McCarty and held up his right glove.

A PAL HAS GONE

JIMMY WALKER has gone, and boxing has lost one of the staunchest champions it ever has known.

It was Jimmy, then State Senator, who sponsored the bill that brought professional boxing back to New York in 1920 and served as a pattern for the rest of the boxing world to follow.

It was Jimmy who organized the National Sports Alliance, which has done so much through the years for helpless and indigent old fighters.

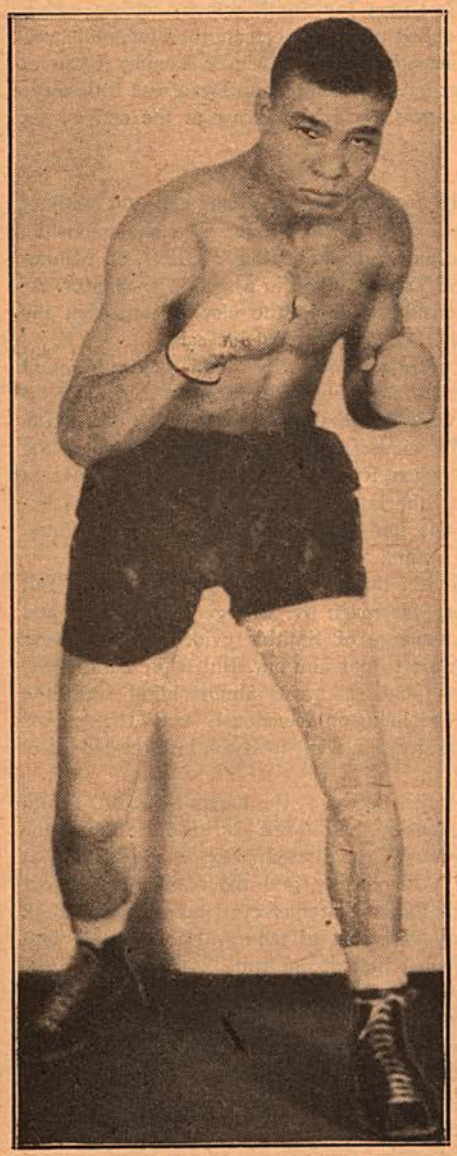
Dapper Jimmy was a familiar figure at all major boxing events; somehow a championship bout would not have seemed official without his cheerful, colorful presence at the ringside.

An eloquent orator, with a keen Irish wit, dapper Jimmy always was the principal speaker at the annual dinner of the New York Boxing Writers' Association. Jimmy was the only man ever to receive the association's two top awards. In 1941 he was given a plaque for "long and meritorious service" to the sport, and in 1945 he received the Edward J. Neil Plaque for the year's "outstanding contributions" to boxing.

A great guy and a real pal has gone. We'll miss you, Jimmy.

Light-Heavies Hit Spotlight

Division, Long Dormant, Has Come Back With a Bang — Ezzard Charles, Billy Fox, Freddie Mills, Tommy Yarosz, Archie Moore, Booker Beckwith and Billy Smith, Head Revived Class



Billy Fox of Philadelphia

By THE OBSERVER

WITH light-heavyweight champion of the world, Gus Lesnevich, firmly convinced that he cannot cope with the bigger fellows after being stopped by Lee Oma and Bruce Woodcock, and with the six months grace before being forced to defend his 175-pound bauble having expired, the light-heavyweight division, once a lively class studded with great and romantic ring names, is sure to come into its own again during the early months of 1947.

No other division in boxing has made as quick a comeback as has the light-heavyweight class which grew dormant, then almost became extinct during the war years. Billy Fox, Ezzard Charles, Archie Moore, Billy Smith, and Johnny Colan are only a few of the cream of the challenger crop who will vie for the crown and evoke nostalgia for the days of Berlenbach, Delaney, Loughran; and in earlier years, Fitzsimmons, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, and Battling Levinsky—when the wearer of the 175-pound diadem was a champion worthy of the designation.

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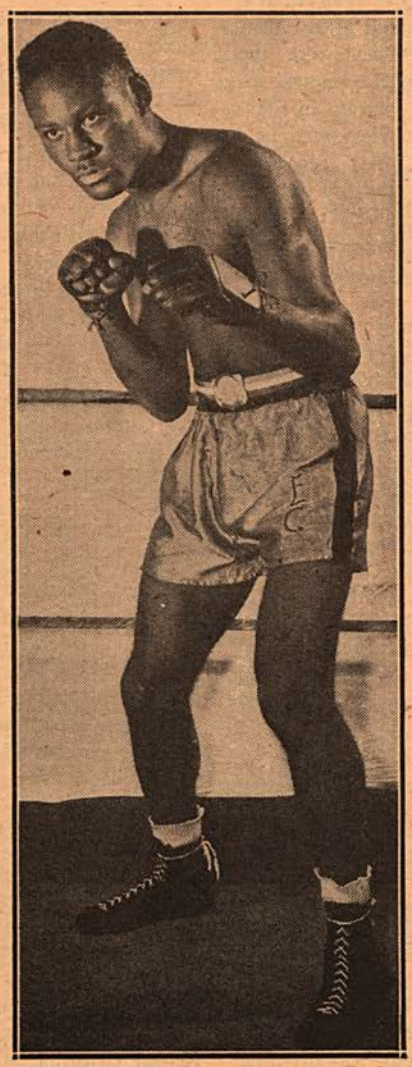
AMONG Lesnevich's challengers is thumping Billy Fox, young Philadelphian, whose 41 consecutive knockouts in 41 professional bouts is close to a record. "Blackjack Billy" is what newsmen have dubbed Fox who looks, acts and talks in a shy, reticent manner startlingly like Joe Louis. Like Joe, he came out of the amateur ranks. Most of the sports scribes ask and probably correctly so, "Who did he ever lick?" but it must be admitted that the hard punching youth is colorful, a powerful box-office magnet, and, like the Brown Bomber, has managed to nail with his sleep producing fists the cuties, the tall ones, the short, squat scrappers, the sluggers and the boxers. The only black mark is the fact that too many of his opponents have been hand-picked. At this writing it seems that Fox will get the nod against Lesnevich because boxing today is essentially commercial and o' Gus is ready to put his crown on the block where he can draw the most money. It is reported, that as in the Servo-Cochrane case, the manager of Fox is ready to put up plenty of dough to guarantee his charge the bout.



Ezzard Charles of Cincinnati

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RANGY, twenty-three-year-old Ezzard Charles is hot on the heels of Fox for consideration as No. 1 challenger. He and Fox should be matched for the chance at the title. Fresh from a three-year hitch in the Army, Ezzard has blasted all opposition to earn top challenger consideration from THE RING Magazine. A great amateur champion who won 12 simon pure titles in the Nationals, Golden Gloves, and International competition without a defeat in 42 contests, Charles has suffered only three setbacks as a professional in close to 50 fights.

A soft spoken chap, Charles lets his fists do all the talking for him. During the war, while he was overseas, rumors came back that Ezzard had flattened Billy Conn in an exhibition bout in Paris. When the war ended, the Cincinnati lad could easily have cashed in on these rumors as fight followers were discussing nothing else but the approaching Louis-Conn tussle at the time. A grand sportsman, Ezzard immediately denied having ever had the gloves on with Conn, but explained that he had met Billy socially. After a few fights Charles stepped out against Archie Moore and dropped the great St. Louis Negro to defeat Archie in a rousing go at Pittsburgh last May.

He avenged a kayo scored over him by

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BILLY SMITH, FIRST WELTER CHAMPION

By ARTHUR THOMPSON

Mysterious Billy Smith, the first recognized world welterweight champion.

AMONG the welterweight champions of the past were some of the greatest pugilists of all time. Of late years this division in pugilism has lost caste because of the mediocre quality of its performers, but in looking over pugilistic records it would be hard to pick greater ring warriors than Mysterious Billy Smith, Tommy Ryan, Joe Walcott, Kid McCoy and Matty Matthews. They were the battlers who reigned supreme in days when men held their place at the top through ability with their fists; not through careful scheming in the making of matches or the indulgences of a circumscribed boxing law.

With the acquisition of the welterweight crown by Mysterious Billy Smith in 1892 this division gained its first prominence and was the beginning of a line of boxers among the greatest of the ring. It is doubtful if, in the annals of pugilism, there could be pointed out a more aggressive or fearless fighter than Mysterious Billy Smith. If ever a man was born to the game, Smith was. Fighting was part and parcel of his makeup, and fear of any man ran not in his blood.

Amos Smith, for that was the real name of Mysterious Billy Smith, was born on May 15, 1871, at Eastport, Me. While Smith really began his fighting career while he was still in his teens, he actually came into prominence in 1892. In all of his bouts he had been meeting with easy success, but his real calibre was brought out when after thirty-seven rounds of hard fighting he knocked out Frank Kelly, who in those days was a topnotch performer.

After this victory Smith lay claim to the welterweight title, which was then in abeyance, and declared himself ready to defend the championship against all comers. The first to challenge his right to the title was Billy Armstrong, but Smith disposed of him in thirteen rounds. Then came victories over Shadow Maber and Danny Needham, after which the noted Tommy West shied his hat into the ring against Smith. While Smith had been going along at a victorious pace up to this time, many of the wise ones believed that the tough Tommy West would prove too much for the Eastport lad. Smith, however, proved a match for West, and at the end of eleven rounds the fight between the pair was declared a draw.

His showing with West won for Smith country-wide prestige, and he was soon after called upon to meet another topnotch welterweight, who was none other than the clever Tommy Ryan of Syracuse. This first bout between Smith and Ryan was little more than an exhibition, and was declared a draw at the end of six rounds.

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SMITH was generally accepted as the champion, and without doubt he proved his right to the crown. The championship, however, passed from Smith when on July 26, 1894, at Minneapolis, Minn., he took on Tommy Ryan in a second encounter. At this time Ryan was considered about the cleverest man in the world, Jim Corbett alone being considered his equal.

This battle was for twenty rounds. Up to the fifteenth round the honors were even, and it did not seem as if there could be a decision. The fighting was hard and in earnest, with Smith the aggressor and Ryan the cleverer. In the eighteenth round the fight was nearly ended when Ryan got in a stiff righthander to Smith's nose, which sent the latter to the floor. Smith arose before the fatal ten seconds had been counted, and gamely hung on until the end of the round.

In the next round Smith, though bleeding profusely, was full of fight. Ryan, however, was much the stronger of the two, and in this session took advantage of Smith's evident weakness to start an attack in an effort to put him out. But while Smith was bleeding from nose and mouth and was almost blind from the constant jabs of Ryan, he hung on tenaciously until the end of the twentieth round. The decision went to Ryan, and the lad from Syracuse well deseryed it.

But, although through this defeat at the hands of Ryan, Smith was bereft of the championship, he did not lose his place among the leading lights of the welterweight division. On March 1, 1895, at Boston, Smith and Joe Walcott met, and the result was one of the most desperate ring fights that has ever taken place. Both men indulged in the roughest sort of tactics. Each heeled with the glove, while it is alleged that at one time Smith made an attempt to stick his thumb in the mouth of Walcott and tear open the cheek of the Negro lad. Simple justice demands the admission that in the resorting to dirty methods Smith took the initiative. At the end of fifteen rounds the bout was declared a draw, but not a few were of the opinion that the verdict should have gone to Walcott.

His opportunity to regain the welterweight crown from Tommy Ryan, who had taken it from him, came to Smith on May 27, 1895, when the two were brought together in the ring for the third time. This fight was a terrific affair, and was stopped by the police in the eighteenth round, when Smith was very much the worse for wear.

In many respects this third meeting was a repetition of their previous encounter in which Ryan was returned the winner. Smith was the aggressor with Ryan standing off and jabbing him as he came at him. While Smith was clearly outpointed in the fight and would surely have gone down to defeat had the police not interfered, he proved, beyond doubt, his superhuman gameness. Without flinching he took the hardest blows of the wonderful Ryan.

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AFTER this bout with Ryan, Smith went to London where he scored easy victories over Jack Ryan, A. Morris and Billy Husband. He returned to America and on May 18, 1896, at Boston, was outpointed by Kid McCoy in six rounds.

The first knockout suffered by Smith came at the hands of George Green on March 17, 1897, at Carson City, Nev. This fight was a preliminary to the Championship *(Continued on page 32)*

The GAY *and* FESTIVE BOXING RESORTS *in* OLD NEW YORK

McGlory's Armory Hall Made Famous by Its Iniquities, Was the Rendezvous of All Kinds of Wild Characters in Days When the Lid Was Really Off in New York

By SAM AUSTIN

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A MAN in sombre black, looking for all the world like a clergyman, walked down Broadway the other night. He attracted no more attention than one apple in a basketful, because there was nothing about him that was really worth looking at. He was tall, white-haired, slender, and his complexion was of that pallid sort common to students, the average dwellers in big cities, and convicts. His clothes fitted him well, and he was perfectly at ease. Nothing along the line seemed to attract him, but in truth, there was very little that escaped a glance from those bright, restless black eyes. He might have been a business man, a saloonkeeper, a politician, a gambler, a broker, or an actor.

But he wasn't.

He was Billy McGlory.

To this generation that name may have no significance. In fact, one might as well, perhaps, say John Smith, for all the meaning there would be to a name. But ask anyone who can go back just four decades, and then you'll listen to a story that is worth hearing, when McGlory was as well-known as Central Park, or the Battery.

"There goes Billy McGlory."

Night after night when The Allen's Bal Mabille was at its height; when Harry Hill was a name to be conjured with among sporting men, and his little place in Houston Street was crowded to the doors by visitors who wanted to see the boxing, the wrestling, and hear the singing, to say nothing of the girls; and when Owney Geoghagin's place on the Bowery was a paying proposition, Billy McGlory's dance hall in Armory Hall, on Hester Street, was at its best—or worst, if you like.

To come to New York and not go to McGlory's was to go to a restaurant and not eat, or to buy a pipe and not smoke.

Armory Hall was just one block from the Bowery, going west, and it took its name because it had been at one time a regimental headquarters. There was nothing particularly pretentious about it, but it was roomy inside, so it answered the purpose of a dance hall as well as if the architect had planned it for that purpose. Double doors were at the entrance, and a wide flight of stairs led up to it—stairs that could tell many tales if they could talk.

The dancing floor was polished to a high degree of smoothness and was one of the best in the city. For visitors, a balcony had been provided, from which the scene below could be viewed.

McGlory knew that a mere dancing hall would not bring to his place the spenders, so his fertile mind devised other attractions in order that suitable entertainment might be provided for the mob which was being worked for orders by the waiters.

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ONE of the best features—from his viewpoint—was the dancing girls, led by a well-known character, who adopted for reasons of her own, the sobriquet of Pin-wheel Ida. With four male companions they went through the movements of the quadrille at stated intervals. At least it was called the quadrille, but after the first few measures it bore about as much resemblance to that staid and respectable dance as a water wagon does to a bottle of Jamaica rum.

A prominent divine, who went to the Hall one night, in order that he might get material for his Sunday sermon, the subject of which was to be "The Vices and Immorality of a Great City," called it a "terpsichorean saturnalia," and that expresses it about as near as anything can.

When Pin-wheel Ida, under the influence of several drinks and the music of the Armory Hall orchestra, started in like a dancing dervish to pirouette, which movement was interspersed with sundry high kicks, she created a sensation which was increased because of the fact that she was invariably so scantily clad as to attract more than the usual amount of

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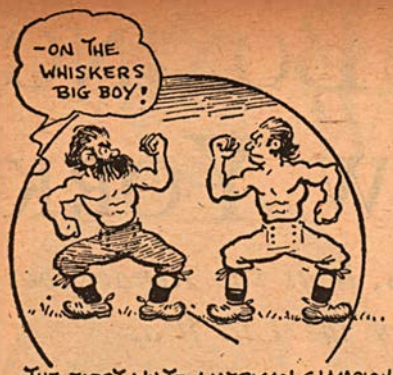
A nightly performance at McGlory's—gay visitors engaged in a fistic melee.

FROM THE OLDTIMER'S SCRAPBOOK



THE FIRST WHITE AMERICAN CHAMPION, JACOB HYER, HID HIS CHIN BEHIND A BEARD.

IT IS late in the evening at a training camp, and the cool night breezes help ease the discomfort of a crackling day. The card game has broken up, and, as if a signal were flashed, someone starts the conversational ball rolling. The great dramatic moments of boxing are usually enacted in a Garden ring or some other fight arena in the country, and some of the greatest stories capturing the emotional impact of a great fistic event, have been unfolded direct from press ringside, split-seconds after the action had occurred.

But it is during the quiet night in a camp, or over an informal glass of suds in a local tavern that many interesting, yet little known yarns of the ring are related. You sit with a "Dumb Dan" Morgan or Nate Lewis, or in years you had as your story-telling companion the late Hype Igoe, and a young scribe carried away with him data for a week's boxing stories.

The recent news that Francis Albertanti, one of the best boxing publicists in pugilism, was back on the boxing beat beating the tom-toms for Jake LaMotta, recalled many colorful incidents in the life of this Boswell of Bash, whose bright eyes twinkle constantly with the impish mischievousness of a merry elf. Who, but the pint-sized Albertanti, with courageous brashness could enter the dressing room of Jake LaMotta, after the Bronxite had trounced one of Frank's clients and murmur: "Mickey Walker would have killed you, you bum!" To top it off, LaMotta and his manager, Jimmy Murray, hired the ace press agent on the spot!

However, the greatest story concerning Albertanti revolves around the incident that almost ended his lifelong friendship with Nat Fleischer.

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THIS was during September, 1926, with the first Dempsey-Tunney bout only a week away. The Manassa Mauler, as everyone knows, was a highly-touted favorite, with few, if any, conceding the handsome ex-Marine a ghost of a chance to capture the crown from Jack. One of these few was Nat Fleischer, then sports editor of the *New York Telegram*. He called in his ace boxing writer, Albertanti, and instructed him to write a story on the life and boxing career of Gene Tunney.

"Here's what we'll do, Frank," Nat revealed. "We'll set up an entire page full of photos of Tunney and your story will round it out nicely. If Gene should win, we'll send a flash to the compositors from Philly and they'll run the Tunney page."

Albertanti was not at all enthusiastic. He minced little words to the effect that Nat was away off the beam on this wild idea. "Why," Frank remarked in anger, "it's a waste of time and effort! That guy Tunney has no more chance to win than I have!"

Fleischer was adamant. The story on Tunney was to be written, or Albertanti would no longer be the boxing writer of the *New York Telegram*.

Grumbling and grudgingly, Francis batted out a great story about Gene Tunney. It was a four-column yarn covering every detail of Gene's life.

The rest is history. When the referee raised the hand of the new world heavyweight king, Fleischer, sitting at the ringside, flashed his home office to run the Tunney story. A happy Albertanti and a score of competitors saw the *Telegram* score a great "beat" with the only story on the life of the new champion of the world, replete with pictures.

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THIS experience stood Albertanti in good stead when he was training camp publicist for Jimmy Braddock in the Jerseyite's scrap for the heavyweight crown with Max Baer. Once more, as in the case with Tunney, nobody conceded the challenger much of a chance. Albertanti kept hammering away conscientiously, shouting to the world that Braddock would win.

Most of it was dismissed as press agent's drivel, and Albertanti, aside from Braddock, was perhaps the only person who thought the former longshoreman had a chance in the world.

Two days before the fight, Albertanti, taking a leaf out of Fleischer's book about eleven years earlier, wrote an eighteen-page release which dealt with every pertinent fact and detail of Braddock's personal life and ring record. Most of the scribes promptly consigned same to the waste-basket—except the late Jack Miley. And what a scoop pudgy Jack had the next morning when Braddock surprised the fistic world by taking the title from Max Baer!

"When Jack Miley met me coming down the street the day after the fight," Albertanti related, "he kissed me full on the lips!"

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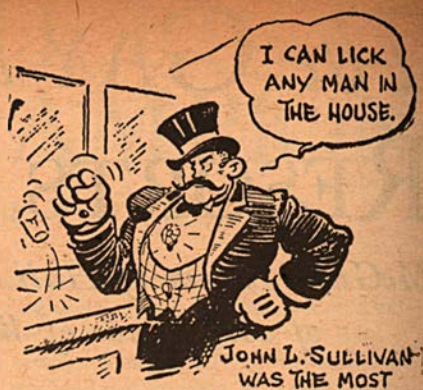
THE colorful late Hype Igoe, whose memory remains undimmed despite his passing a few years ago, was a raconteur of fistic tales with few equals. A young newspaperman recalls what is perhaps one of the strangest tales of boxing, an anecdote possessing a bit of the eerie.

Hymie Caplin, the fight manager, had opened a tiny delicatessen store right next to the old Hippodrome, long since converted into a parking lot. The 20th Century S. C. had its headquarters in the famed showhouse, and it was in the cool shadow of the Sixth Avenue El that many of the fight mob mingled. Hype, a fearless original faddist when it came to dress and eating habits, was in the midst of one of his weird diet regimens. This time it



JOHN L. SULLIVAN WAS THE MOST PICTURESQUE OF ALL THE CHAMPIONS.

was orange juice. So while Hype Igoe poured the liquid citrus from a huge beaker in Caplin's delicatessen, the unique story concerning Gentleman Jim Corbett and Peter Jackson was unfolded.

"On May 21, 1891, as everyone well knows," Hype began, "Jim Corbett and Peter Jackson clashed at San Francisco."

"It was a savage affair, coupled with skill, by two of the cleverest boxers of the day, and at the end of sixty-one rounds with neither man showing any great advantage, the referee stopped the bout and declared it a draw. Oldtimers argued about the probable outcome or who was in the lead for many years afterward, but no popular conclusion was ever reached. On one point the sporting public was in general agreement: The Corbett-Jackson fight was one of the best in boxing history and that it sure was one tough battle. Jackson and Corbett heartily agreed on the latter, and it is there that the final climax to this story came 42 years later."

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THE owl-faced Igoe slowly sipped his orange juice and adjusted his pince-nez glasses.

"On July 13, 1901, the once great Peter Jackson lay dying. He was in far-off Roma, Queensland, Australia," Igoe continued. "His last bits of conversation from what I've learned were not about boxing. But suddenly for no apparent reason, he turned to the people at his bedside and murmured: 'You know, that Corbett, he was one great fighter!'"

"Well," Hype declared, "I never thought much of Jackson's last utterances until my dear pal, Gentleman Jim Corbett, passed away on February 18, 1933."

"Jim was a neighbor of mine at Bayside, Long Island, and he was quite sick before he died. I used to visit him and we cut up plenty of old touches. One day shortly before his death, Jim and I were talking about nothing in particular when he stared kind of dreamily toward the ceiling. Jim didn't say a word for several moments, then turned to me and said: 'Y'know, Hype, that Peter Jackson, he was one great fighter!'"

"When Jim died," Hype Igoe concluded, "I spent many a moment thinking of the great respect these immortal warriors had for each other. Here was Jackson, thousands of miles away in far-off Australia, paying tribute to a great opponent with what amounted to almost his last words, and 32 years later, on the other side of the world, in Bayside, Jim Corbett, breathing his last, tells me that Peter Jackson was the best fighter he ever opposed."

"I'd like to think," concluded Igoe, "that the two are together in Valhalla reminiscing about the good old days."

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THERE were some great battles fought by featherweights in the early days and many of the best were staged by the California Athletic Club, which was backed by such men as General Miles, Senator Fair, Major McLaughlin, M. H. de Young, John D. Spreckels and scores of other prominent citizens who loved the sport. The club was not run to make money—merely to supply its members with amusement. Purses were hung up and the men told to go in and fight for them. That wonderful, hard puncher from Australia, Billy Murphy, "the Torpedo," was then in his prime and took part in several spectacular bouts before the organization. It was under the auspices of the California Club that Billy Murphy defeated Ike Weir in eighty-four rounds, and Kerrigan and Danny Needham went 102 rounds to a draw. In 1899 Billy Murphy and Frank Murphy of England fought twenty-seven fierce rounds before the same club. Both men broke their hands and were unable to continue. At that time, however, the referee had the power to stop a contest and order it resumed on a later date.

So the Murphys were told to come around again next day. Billy showed up with his mitts bandaged and sliced with splints, but Frank failed to put in an appearance. Billy Murphy also whipped Johnny Griffin of Braintree, Mass., in three rounds at the California club. Griffin was afterwards knocked out in four rounds by Solly Smith at Roby, Ind., and George Dixon clinched his title by knocking out Smith and Billy Murphy and beating Griffin.

Because the bantamweight mark in this country is now set at 118 pounds, scaling at 2 p. m., most folks have lost sight of the fact that Dixon won the featherweight title by whipping Cal McCarthy at 115, the original feather limit. McCarthy was a graduate from the amateur ranks when he first fought Dixon in a seven-round draw in 1890. But Cal was a sure enough marvel of cleverness and none of the "pros" had anything on him when he was at his best. Dissipation got him in the long run and he died a physical wreck, much the same as poor Dixon did at the finish. On March 31, 1891, George Dixon beat McCarthy in twenty-two rounds for a purse of $3000 and a $2000 side bet. The side bet was the main thing; generally speaking, in those days, and two-ounce gloves were used, with the battles scheduled to a finish. Pretty soft for these boxers nowadays, eh, when you come to figure out what rough going it was for the oldtimers?

PHILADELPHIA NOTES

By NAT FRANK

A SPLIT lip, received in training, necessitated the postponing of the world lightweight title duel between defender Bobcat Bob Montgomery and challenger Wesley Mouzon from last October 28 to November 26. Champion Montgomery was butted by a sparmate and it took a stitch to close the wound. If this battle with Mouzon had not been for the title, the Bobcat would have gone through with the bout on the original date.

Fight managers, kindly take notice: As of December 1, Herman Taylor will be located in his new suite of offices, 1311 Walnut Street. The new location is so spacious that he not only will have all of his offices there, but will also have his ticket sales take place there. Heretofore, the tickets have been sold at the Lew Tendler Tavern, 227 S. Broad Street.

Frank (Blinky) Palermo has become the manager of the largest stable of glove warriors in this city. He has just added Billy (K.O.) Arnold, the terrific swatting Benjamin Franklin High School boy, who lost his last fight to Billy Carrigan, an eight-rounder.

Our vote for the best prospect of the year is Franny DiPiano, a bantamweight protege of the Fats Gary and Pete Martin combination.

Eddie Giosa, who is handled by the managerial firm of Gary and Martin, has been beating his foemen with regularity. The Italian lightweight has won nine consecutive contests and is set to take on the cream of 135-pounders.

Bill (Smiley) Clearfield has Baby Armstrong boxing quite regularly against the lightweights of this section. Armstrong, a good showman, is always certain to give the fans a run for their money. The Blasting Baby rates high as a club fighter and a fistman of ability. Other Clearfield clouters are Lester (Cueball) Young, lightweight; McCoy Jones, welterweight; and Billy Cisco, heavyweight.

Another former member of the fistic fraternity has become a magistrate. He is James Clothier, who in his younger days was associated with Cliff Bent in the management of the Duca brothers, Al Rowe and others. Magistrate Clothier was appointed to the place left vacant by the death of Magistrate Eddie Hollans, a former fighter, manager and promoter. The other former members of the beak busting society who are sitting as judges are: Johnny O'Malley, the chief magistrate, and Elias Myers. Joe Rainey, a former member of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission, and John Morlock, who was secretary of the Keystone State Fistic Solons, are also magistrates.

FROM OUR NOTEBOOK—Former middleweight champion Billy Soose is now operating a training camp at Lake Wallenpaupack, Pa. . . . . Frankie Conway, the best known tavernkeeper in south Jersey, heads an array of former pugilists to practically every major fistic attraction in the metropolis . . . . Allen Hughes, 3rd Army, A.E.F., 133-pound champion in World War I, is a court reporter on the *Courier-Post* . . . . Charlie O'Neil, the former Kensington middleweight mauler, is a fire chief in Bridesburg . . . . Leo Houck, who served as an Army sports consultant for Uncle Sam, is back coaching boxing at Penn State College, the job he has held down for the past quarter century.

NEWS FROM THE PHILIPPINES

By FELIPE J. C. GALANG

UNDEFEATED Visayan, lightweight champion, Star Murillo, had an easy time in defeating Young Tommy, one of the best welterweights in the Orient, in their 10-round main event at the Malabon Boxing Arena under the sponsorship of the Lavitoria Boxing Promotion. The biggest surprise of the evening was Larry Junior's triumph over Little Dundee, promising flyweight, in 8 rounds. Black Boy drew with Flash Albert; Nick Peters kayoed Gung Ho; Little Paras whipped Ben Santos and Little Tony decisioned George Rico in the opener.

Dommy Reyes, former flyweight champion of the Orient, is back in his old form of six years ago when he was the kingpin of the lighter class. He K.O.'ed Tommy Tim Ramos in the 4th round in Greenline Stadium under the promotion of Onding Calapatia. Arce Santos defeated Fighting "69" on points in six rounds. Little Bascones K.O.'ed Battling Aldana in the 3rd. Little Leyte and Young Brazil drew in four. Tiger Cabanela decisioned Little Benny and Texas Boy drew with Big Boy Marinas in four rounds.

The title holders who will compose the team to invade Japan are: Flyweight, Ole Chard; Bantam, Bob Kam; Feather, Al Wilson; Light, Dick Wayas; Sr. Welter, Bill Guerry; Middle, Frank McClendon; Light-Heavy, Leo Legard, and Heavy, Pedro Bradley.

Baby Chocolate, the Visayan flyweight king, was defeated by Kid Balintawak, the undefeated champion of Camerines Sur, under the joint promotion of Felipe Asidao and Felix Espiritu in Isarog Stadium. Agdagnan Boy drew with Lightning Kid. Rush Calawag, from Quezon province, defeated Jr. Orcina on points. Rush Miguel was badly beaten by Little Orcine of Naga. Big Orcine had badly beaten Clever Gorio on points.

Kid Bascones, the Iloilo Typhoon, who drew with Speedy Cabanella, who is now campaigning in the United States, knocked out Leonardo Dola, the newly crowned lightweight champion of Eastern Visayas. Dola claimed that he was fouled and was given 20 minutes before continuing the fight, which then ended in a draw of eight rounds. Little Dundee defeated Arce Santos, one of the contenders for the flyweight crown. Villa Cruz drew with Little Jamito. Young Fernandez was stopped in the 2nd round by Flash Albert. Little Terry drew with Ben Santos. George Rico, a 100 pounder from Visayas, knocked out Little Tony in the initial round. Tony Salvador was K.O.'ed by Tacio Valdez in the 2nd round.

AT THE CENTURY A.C. OF BALTIMORE

By DAVE KREUTER

ODELL RILEY and Jimmy Bell met in the feature attraction of the Century Club on October 14 to decide the runner-up spot to Curtis Sheppard in the local heavyweight derby with the former gaining the distinction by virtue of a five-round knockout.

There really wasn't any doubt who was the superior fighter as Riley, a Detroit boy, seemed to monopolize every round, with the exception of the first, which we thought was even. Toward the end of the fourth, the Washingtonian was knocked cold but was saved by the bell. His seconds worked feverishly to revive him and managed to send him out for the fifth, but their work went for naught, however, as after 50 seconds had elapsed, Bell was again on the canvas, only this time there was no bell to save him.

Riley weighed in at 191½; Bell, 185.

In the prelims, it was "Baltimore versus Washington." Al Edwards, 189½, of Washington, made quick work of Doc Gladden, 192, knocking him out in the first of a scheduled six-rounder.

In fours, Melvin Wade and Ray Klingmeyer, local boys, and Teddy Harrison, Washington, took unanimous decisions from Little Rup, Tommy Hilliard and Frankie Rowe, respectively. Joe Poodles, rising local middleweight, knocked out Walter Parker in two rounds.

"The Most Perfect Left Hook." That would be the appropriate title for the scheduled ten-round match between Curtis Sheppard and George Fitch, New England heavy. For it was just that which put finis to the battle in the closing moments of the fifth session and sent Fitch home another victim of the Philadelphia Hatchetman.

Fitch seemed to have the edge in the battle up until that time as he fought strictly an infight, which seemed to hamper Shep's great punching ability. With 12 seconds to go in the fifth, Shep landed a punch which was the closest thing to perfection we have ever seen, a terrific left hook to the jaw that sent Fitch crashing to the floor.

Chappie Manning, 155, took a split vote from Flattop Cummings, 152, in a six-rounder, and Melvin Wade, 139, and Charley Madison, 141, drew in five.

In a sizzling four-round test Paul Watson and Maurice Nelson suffered cuts under their eyes thus causing the referee to stop the fight after the second and declare the bout a draw.

In two other fours, Johnny Caster took a unanimous decision from Joe Cammaratta, while Oscar Wakefield won from Teddy Harrison via a T.K.O.

The Maryland State Athletic Commission is trying to line up a match between Curtis Sheppard and Joe Louis for the heavyweight championship of the world at the Baltimore Municipal Stadium some time next summer.

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Curtis Sheppard May Land a Louis Bout

THOUGH the British have had very little luck with their heavyweights in competition with American fighters of that class, their men in the lighter divisions have held their own and often outclassed our boys in international competition on this side of the Big Pond. The recent knockouts of Harry Silvers by Raul Zenit and Cyril Gaille by Lenny Boom Boom Mancini on the same card at the Broadway Arena of Brooklyn recalled to memory the names of several first-rate Britishers who had come to this country, hailed by their overseas brethren as first-rate battlers, and made good with a vengeance.

Among them were such stellar performers as Billy Plimmer, Jimmy Wilde, Johnny Summers, Owen Moran, Jem Driscoll, Ted Kid Lewis, fistic heroes of the British Empire who proved conclusively that they were not overrated. What happened to Gaille and Silvers at a time when each was preparing for an appearance in Madison Square Garden, was most unfortunate, but it did prove, added to the knockout of Ronnie James by Ike Williams, the kayo of Bruce Woodcock by Tami Mauriello, and the knockout of Freddie Mills by Joe Baksi, that the British of this era do not compare in fighting ability with those of three decades ago.

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FOR example, there was Billy Plimmer of Birmingham, who arrived in this country in 1891 without any blast of trumpets, who walked through the Yankee boys of the bantam and featherweight divisions with marked championship form. Billy was of the Jem Mace type of fighters. He never hooked nor swung with either hand, and his clever, finished style was indeed a revelation to the American lads who ran into his straight punches.

After many easy victories over the best fighters in Philadelphia, Plimmer went to New York, and defeated "Kid" Hogan, the pride of Brooklyn. The little Britisher surprised the sporting talent of New York by his superior style and perfect execution and he was matched with Tommy Kelly, the "Harlem Spider."

Plimmer soon showed his great superiority by his masterly movements, and in a few rounds had the "Harlem Spider" nonplused. For a little fellow Plimmer was a great punisher and had Kelly cut to pieces and when entering the tenth round he put him to sleep with a straight right on the point of the jaw. By this decisive victory Billy Plimmer regained for England the bantam championship of the world, and won great popularity among ringgoers of America.

When Plimmer arrived in America he called himself the "110-pound champion of England," and was considered too light for the featherweight fighters. About this time George Dixon had won the title of featherweight champion from Cal McCarthy, and the little Negro battler was considered invincible.

Plimmer, however, was anxious to get a try with Dixon at catchweights, and they were fairly matched to meet in four rounds at Madison Square Garden. George had an advantage of ten pounds over the English lad, and the experts declared it a walkover for Dixon. The fighters met on Aug. 22, 1893, before an immense crowd of representative sporting men of New York and vicinity. Little Chocolate was a favorite at 1 to 3. Nobody thought Plimmer had a chance because Dixon was then at the height of his great championship career. Steve O'Donnell, the Australian heavyweight boxer, was chosen to referee.

After the first round Dixon seemed puzzled. He could not land on the Briton as he had landed on many others. Plimmer never lost his head or his style, but kept jabbing the Negro and landing at least four blows to one.

George did his utmost to put the white boy away but his blows were neatly stopped or fanned the air. At the finish, O'Donnell gave Plimmer the decision, and Dixon's manager went wild with rage. There was a long discussion, but the decision was a just one and the great gathering cheered it. There was considerable talk after this contest of a finish fight between the little fellows, but they could not agree upon the weight, and the match was never made.

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THE knockout of Artie Levine by Ray Robinson in Cleveland on November 6, was a feather in the cap of the fighter who is recognized as the world's best welterweight and who this month, will try to prove his right to the crown vacated by Marty Servo when Sugar Ray fights Tommy Bell in Madison Square Garden. Robinson had the better of the milling up to the time of the knockout, despite the fact that Ray was down for a count of nine in the fifth when he dived into the canvas after being clipped with a left hook while pinned against the ropes in his own corner.

The kayo came with dramatic suddenness and convinced the 12,012 spectators who paid $83,171.98 to see Larry Atkins' show, that pound-for-pound, Ray Robinson is the best fighter in the game today. The kayo ended Artie's five knockout victory string in the Cleveland Auditorium.

It came in the tenth and final session. After slugging away, toe-to-toe, Ray ripped a powerful left to Artie's stomach and Levine sagged against the ropes, helpless. Robinson took advantage of the situation and battered away until he had Artie hanging onto the top strand. He was counted out while seated on the lower rope.

The victory was Sugar Ray's seventy-third in seventy-five professional battles. The only decisions he failed to get were a loss to Jake LaMotta and a draw with Jose Basora.

At the time of the finish, the referee had Robinson ahead 5 to 4 and the judges, 5 to 3.

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BALTIMORE fight fans are singing the praises of Curtis Sheppard, who has given them many thrills with his sensational fighting. Of all the heavyweights who are seeking a crack at Joe Louis' title, the "Hatchetman" possesses the greatest sock and therefore would furnish the Brown Bomber with the kind of opposition that would assure the best gate. Win or lose, Sheppard is in there fighting and that's more than can be said of the majority of those listed among the first ten in the heavyweight ranks.

The Baltimore Boxing Commission and civic organizations are behind Sheppard. They are trying to induce Mike Jacobs to bring Joe Louis down for a battle with the "Hatchetman." They point out that Baltimore will pull enough patronage for such a contest to assure Louis of a tremendous gate.

Sheppard deserves considerable consideration from Mike Jacobs. He must not be passed by without a thorough investigation. Curtis has knocked out men that are not often disposed of that way, among them Joey Maxim. Others are Yancey Henry, Willie Barrows, Odell Riley, Buddy Walker, George

Fitch, and Jimmy Bell. He'll do as an opponent for Louis. He would give Joe a better scrap than any of the heavies now rated among the first ten.

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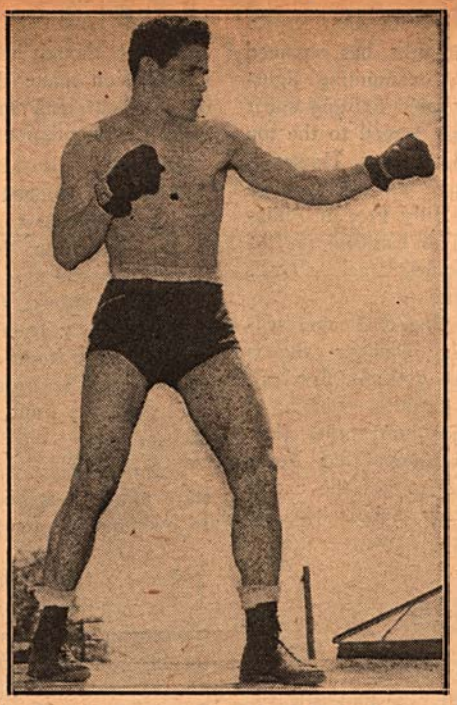
THE decision of Tommy Gomez to retire, meets with hearty approval by his friends, who feared that his health might be endangered had he continued in the ring. The 26-year-old veteran, who was badly wounded in the war, made an excellent comeback when he resumed his boxing career following his discharge, but the wounds he suffered eventually slowed him to such extent that he became a mark for his opponents and he was knocked out by Joe Walcott and Joe Matisi after having beaten Freddie Schott and Phil Muscato in two well-fought battles. He was kayoed by each in the third round.

For many months Gomez rated among the world's best ten fighters and for a time it seemed he might carry on as a leading contender. In announcing his retirement, Gomez issued the following statement:



Tommy Gomez, war hero, who has retired from ring competition.

"I just cannot take it any longer. I don't know whether it was the 16 shrapnel wounds I suffered in the war or the long layoff of six years while serving in the army that has made me a target for the opposition but I do know that I just can't fight any more and I'm calling it quits while I still have my faculties. I want my many supporters to think of me as I was at my best, not as I will be should I continue to fight."

Well spoken, Sergeant. We salute you for your wise decision. You were a credit to the sport in which you rose so high and you have set an example for others who find themselves in your condition, to follow. More such decisions would result in less fatalities and less hospital cases among the men of the boxing profession.

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IT wasn't Friday the 13th, but Tuesday, October 22 of this year might just as well have been, for it was one of the blackest days for ranking fistic favorites seen in many a moon.

First, early in the morning the wires flashed that Buster Tyler, nothing more than a crowd pleasing club fighter, had upset none other than Beau Jack, the former lightweight champion. The Beau, now competing as a welterweight, suffered a shattering blow to his prestige. His pilot, Chick (Hercules) Wegeles screamed to the skies that "we wuz robbed," and he appeared to have justification, for Jack twice floored Tyler and had him on the verge of a kayo several times. The first time Buster was conked just before the bell ending the first round. The astute Pete Reilly, who seconded Tyler, revived the fighter by using his much-publicized oxygen tank.

"Robbed" or not, the victory of Tyler over Beau Jack is indelibly etched in the records, and years to come, under the Georgian's name, the cryptic legend will read: "Oct. 22, 1947—Buster Tyler-Elizabeth-L10."

From out on the West Coast another surprise was the decisive victory of Carlos Chavez over bantamweight champion, Manuel Ortiz in a twelve-rounder at Los Angeles. This was the second attempt of the El Centro farmer to invade the featherweight class that ended with a setback. Willie Pep neatly pinned Manuel's ears back a couple of years ago and Chavez had previously boxed a draw with Ortiz.

An upset of mild proportions, but a surprise nevertheless, was the victory scored by Lou Alter over Dennis Pat Brady, hard punching Bronx featherweight youngster, who had firmly entrenched himself as a terrific drawing card in Hartford, Connecticut. The night before, Freddy Flores, a Jamaica, L. I., middleweight, who had won but twice in the past two years, and had been kayoed several times, stopped highly favored Joey LaMotta at Newark. Big brother Jake, leading contender for middleweight honors, provoked a riot by aiming a punch at the doctor who ordered the bout halted.

Yes, it was a bad night for the headliners! One wag pointed out how Mike Jacobs had encountered difficulties in negotiations with Beau Jack's manager, Wergeles, and with Joey LaMotta's pilot, Jimmy Murray. These two carried out their threats to fight elsewhere. Is it possible that Uncle Mike evoked the "evil eye" or the "hex"?

Isn't it also strange that fistic headliners and champions are always "knocked off" by unknowns or supposedly washed up pushovers whenever they invade the sticks for a soft touch instead of sticking to the big cities and tackling the tough opposition? Too often the champion or leading contender, hoping to do a small promoter a favor by topping his bill, insists on handpicking his opponent. He avoids the challenges hurled at him by the worthy contenders and eventually runs into a snag in his plans when the chap he regarded as a stiff turns the tables. It is the so-called sap who, therefore, hits the headlines and puts himself into an enviable position while the topnotcher's prestige is damaged considerably—sometimes beyond repair.

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BOXING suffered its eleventh casualty of the year a few weeks ago when Robert "Bobby" Burton, 24 year old Pittsburgh Negro, died in a Providence ring in a bout at the Arcadia Club with Bobby Burton of that city. Billy Brown, a New Brunswick middleweight, died at Highland Park, N. J., in a bout with Mickey Logan. Pittsburgh Bobby, who had been fighting professionally for about two years, had been out of action for some time and, being on a vacation from his job in a Pittsburgh shipyard, he decided to make a little extra money by resuming his fistic career.

That he was permitted to do, reflects no credit on those who control boxing in the various states of our country. The supervision over boxers is so lax, that a fighter who is banned for physical disability in one state, has no trouble obtaining a license in another.

Such was the case with Burton. He was barred in New York because of a weak heart. The medical examiner refused to pass him when he had a chance to fight at the St. Nicholas Rink. Then he hopped up to Manchester and fought in a four round bout in which he halted his opponent in one round. That contest took place the night before the fatality. Following his Manchester contest, he entrained for Providence to appear against his namesake, Bobby Burton and his career came to an end.

Had the Providence Commission had a report from New York about the condition of Burton, I doubt that Commissioner Reynolds or his able assistant Ed Foster would have permitted Burton to obtain a license. If closer cooperation were had between the N. B. A. states and New York, and an understanding were reached whereby every fighter banned in any state for physical cause would have his case reported to every state where boxing is legalized, there would be few ring deaths or serious accidents.

Burton's case simply adds to the many reasons why a more stringent medical examination should be demanded from those who are licensed to care for the boxers. Not enough time is given to such examinations. They are too superficial and so long as such hap-hazard examinations are permitted we may expect a continued rise in fatalities.

EZZARD CHARLES, since his return from the service after having worn the uniform for 29 months, has regained his former position as one of the world's outstanding light-heavyweights. He has come back with the same fighting spirit he displayed before joining the colors and has leaped to the top as the leading challenger for Gus Lesnevich's crown. However, the cards are stacked against him. Through an arrangement made by Joe Vella and the management of Billy Fox of Philadelphia, prior to the trip of Gus Lesnevich to England for his fight with Bruce Woodcock, Fox will get the first crack at Gus's title, despite Charles' defeat of Jimmy Bivins.

Unlike in the good old days when the leading challenger was considered for a title shot, today it is the manager who is able to pay on the line the most dough who gets the first call and Fox's handlers have been able to produce enough to make it worth while for Lesnevich to fight him rather than Charles or any other contender. It is reported that Fox's handlers are guaranteeing Lesnevich $50,000 to get the championship match as they feel that Gus is ready to be taken and that huge sum is not too exorbitant to get the crown.

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JIMMY SLATTERY, former lightheavyweight champion who came into fistic prominence too quickly for his own good, is suffering from a serious illness in Tucson, Arizona, where he was sent by friends. Though Jimmy, who after he had won the title, got himself into many scrapes in the Bison City, his home town folks didn't forget him when he met with adversity.

A few weeks ago, they got together and arranged a benefit dinner for Jim, with James J. Braddock, Jimmy Goodrich, former lightweight champion and Joe McCarthy, former manager of the New York Yankees—playing a prominent part and turned into a fund to aid Slattery in his physical battle, the sum of $10,045.

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IN San Antonio a few days before Election day, the fight fans made certain that they got their money's worth on the night when Tony Mar of Sonora, Mexico, the lightweight champion and Carlos Malacara of Mexico City headlined a show. Referee Jim Scarmoza called the fight off in the eighth round after repeated warnings had been issued to the scrappers to do a little fighting and that action was the signal for the fans to take over.

They demanded their money back and gathered around the ring in a threatening manner. Then Bobby Cruz, a deputy sheriff, decided on a novel stunt. He ordered the boys to fight it out and he acted as referee in a "non-official scrap." They really fought until the police invaded the ring about ten minutes later and halted the extra show. The fighters were escorted to their dressing rooms where each was guarded against a resumption of hostilities.

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ALTHOUGH many persons have taken credit for the development of Tony Zale, world middleweight champion, the man who started Tony on the road to fistic fame has been kept in the background. His name is Harry Shall, trainer of Golden Gloves champions, now residing in Los Angeles, California. Under Harry's guidance, Tony became a national figure in amateur boxing and when he turned pro Shall continued as his trainer until Zale got into the hands of Sam Pian and Art Winch.

Zale had 95 amateur bouts under Shall's tutelage and won 87 and lost 8.

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IT happened during the month:

At Hartford, Conn., Louis Kid Kaplan skipped a round in tallying his score in the fight between Nick Stato and George Dunn and announced Dunn the winner by a score of 42 to 37 points. After he had gone from the ring, his card was checked by scribes and the deputy commissioners and the error was found.

The revised verdict, announced later in the ring, was a 42 to 42 points draw.

BINGHAMTON boxers learned much to their astonishment that though the rules of the New York State Athletic Commission make the referee the supreme power in the ring once a bout gets under way, his decision may be overruled by a deputy commissioner!

At least so it seemed following the verdict of Referee Len Arnold who stopped the fight between Tommy Mills and Eddie Smith in the first round after Smith had floored Mills three times. Under the New York rules, when a fighter goes down three times in any one round, it becomes mandatory on the part of the referee to halt the bout. This Arnold did only to be admonished by Deputy Commissioner Tom Parisi who declared that the first knockdown resulted from a foul blow. He overruled Arnold and ordered the referee to go on with the fight!

It went the limit of eight rounds and Smith won on a split decision.

I wonder since when the Deputy Commissioner or any other state official has been empowered by the Athletic Commission to overrule a referee!

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IN a fight between Billy Tordiglione and Al Evans at the Halifax Arena, Evans was stopped in the second round, whereupon the Commission, not satisfied with the showing of the boys, asked Referee McKenna and Judges Arnott and Ettinger for their opinion. Each filed an affidavit declaring that neither fighter did his best and in addition to having the purse confiscated, the kayo was tossed out and the commission declared the bout a draw!

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IN Hartford, Connecticut, after having their feature bout of ten rounds halted in the fourth session the week previously and declared "no contest," the boys were permitted to finish the remaining six rounds the following week with Georgie Martin, Boston welter, gaining the verdict over Pat Giordano, Montreal. It was only after this second mill that the boys were paid.

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IN Los Angeles recently, the fans left the American Legion Stadium with the understanding that Kenny Watkins had defeated Jack Chase. The following morning, however, they learned that the decision had been reversed and Kenny was the loser. A recheck by Judge Mushy Callahan's score card revealed that he had circled the wrong fighter as the winner. Referee Frankie Van had Watkins ahead, 57½ to 33½ points and Judge Jack McDonald selected Chase as the winner, 56 to 53. Callahan's recheck card showed Chase ahead, 56½ to 53½.

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IN Phoenix, Arizona, where the referee apparently is only a figurehead, Willie Williams was disqualified in the third round by the Boxing Commission for butting Billy Lee. The Commission did not consult the third man in the ring. Anything can happen in Phoenix!

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AT Jacksonville, Clyde Flash Gordon and Billy Petersen fought in a driving rain with Clyde the victor. When the ring became too wet and slippery, Gordon removed his shoes and fought in his bare feet.

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AFTER every one of four bouts carded at the Grove Stadium in Glasgow, Scotland, recently, ended in knockouts, Archie Berry of Glasgow, featherweight, who had flattened Tommy Williamson in three heats, volunteered to face Barney McVeigh in a special three-rounder. Berry failed in his try for two triumphs in one evening, losing the decision.

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A CHAMPIONSHIP belt, emblematic of the Rhode Island state middleweight championship, was given to Gene Farland, southpaw from the Silver Lake District of the state, when he defeated Eddie Sonny Soares of Fox Point at the Arcadia Club. The belt was the gift of the boxing fans.

SHADOWS *of the* PAST

MIKE AND JACK TWIN SULLIVAN

By RIGHT CROSS

TWO of the most interesting figures that American ring history has ever known—and two of the best fighters — although never champions, were the Twin Sullivans, Jack and Mike. They were born in Cambridge, Mass., September 23, 1878. They fought the best of their day and their records show but few occasions when they took the count.

Jack was the heavier of the two, scaling from 160 to 165. Mike started as a lightweight, but the latter took on poundage until he weighed around 145. Each was as bold as the American eagle.

They were inseparable and very proud of each other. They were always convinced that if one could not win against a certain opponent the other could. The outstanding instance of this was when Mike met the great Stanley Ketchel at Colma on February 22, 1908, and was knocked out in the first round. Jack lost no time in getting on the trail of the Michigan Assassin to avenge his brother, and the two faced each other in the same arena on May 9 of the same year. This was a wonderful scrap, but once more Steve won with a knockout, but it was not till the twentieth round that Jack was stopped.

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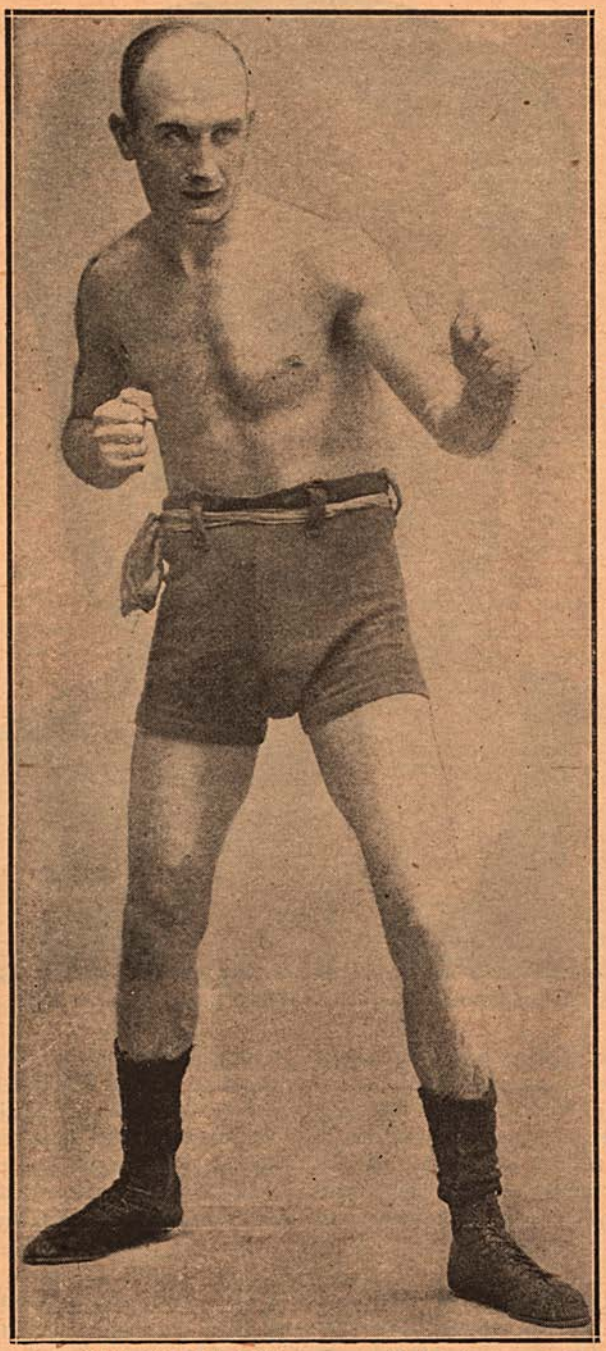
INDEED Mike and Jack were a great pair. Let us sit back and recall some of the men whom Jack fought—Kid McCoy, Jack O'Brien, Tommy Burns, Mike Schreck, Hugo Kelly, Jim Flynn, Al Kaufman, Bill Squires, Joe Thomas, Marvin Hart, who inherited the heavyweight championship, Jim Stewart, Billy Papke, Frank Klaus, Tony Ross and Stanley Ketchel.

That was quite a list of scrappers, as old-timers may recall. He fought Tommy Burns two twenty-round battles in 1905, got a draw in one and the decision on the second meeting. It was two years later that Burns became champion. If Jack had been as foxy as Tommy he might have eased himself into the title. Jack, though, was not as crafty a matchmaker.

Jack knocked out "Boshter Bill" Squires in nineteen rounds in 1907 on the Coast. Burns, however, happened to get the Australian Champion first.

It took the wizard, Kid McCoy, twenty rounds to get a decision over Jack in 1904, which is sufficient to establish the class Jack had. He fought the tough Pueblo fireman, Jim Flynn, four times. Twice they drew in twenty rounds and once over the same distance Jim got the verdict, and in their last meeting in 1908 they went ten rounds in a no-decision contest with honors even.

Whenever Jack lost it was not until the other fellow had a tough argument of it. In his prime Jack O'Brien scored fastest over him when he knocked Sullivan out in three rounds in St. Louis in 1904, but the following year at Dawson City they fought over the twenty round trail to a draw.



Mike "Twin" Sullivan, one of the famous Cambridge twins.

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MIKE had practically as hectic a career. Some of the good ones he fought away back in 1902-3 were Jimmy Gardner, George McFadden, Jack Blackburn, Bellfield Wolcott and Willie Fitzgerald, with all of whom he drew. The present generation may not recall some of these, but old-timers will never forget that group of real fighters. Some of his greatest fights were with Jimmy Gardner. He got decisions over him in twenty and twenty-five rounds, respectively, in California in 1905 and 1908.

Mike fought a fifteen-round draw with Joe Gans in Baltimore in 1905, but the following year the great negro knocked him out twice, the first time in the fifteenth and the next in the tenth. Mike won from Honey Mellody, then at the height of his career, in a twenty-round bout.

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YES, the Twin Sullivans were a great pair. There was never anything rough about them. They took fighting as a business. They were great entertainers out of the ring. Mike could do a buck and wing dance worthy of a professional and could sing quite a little as well.

Jack wasn't so good a dancer, but he had a corking voice. They could have done well in vaudeville if they had cared for that game. They were very fond of music and there was usually a player-piano to be found at their training quarters. After the day's work they would start that going and enjoy themselves.

On a number of occasions during their training periods, those who watched them perform in their specialty, urged that they go as a team on the stage, but they laughed that off. Whatever they did in their song and dance act was simply for their own amusement and that of the hangers-on in their quarters. But they were good—make no mistake about that.

Jimmy Coffroth often remarked that Mike and Jack would have been champions if it had been possible to have arranged for an orchestra at the ringside.

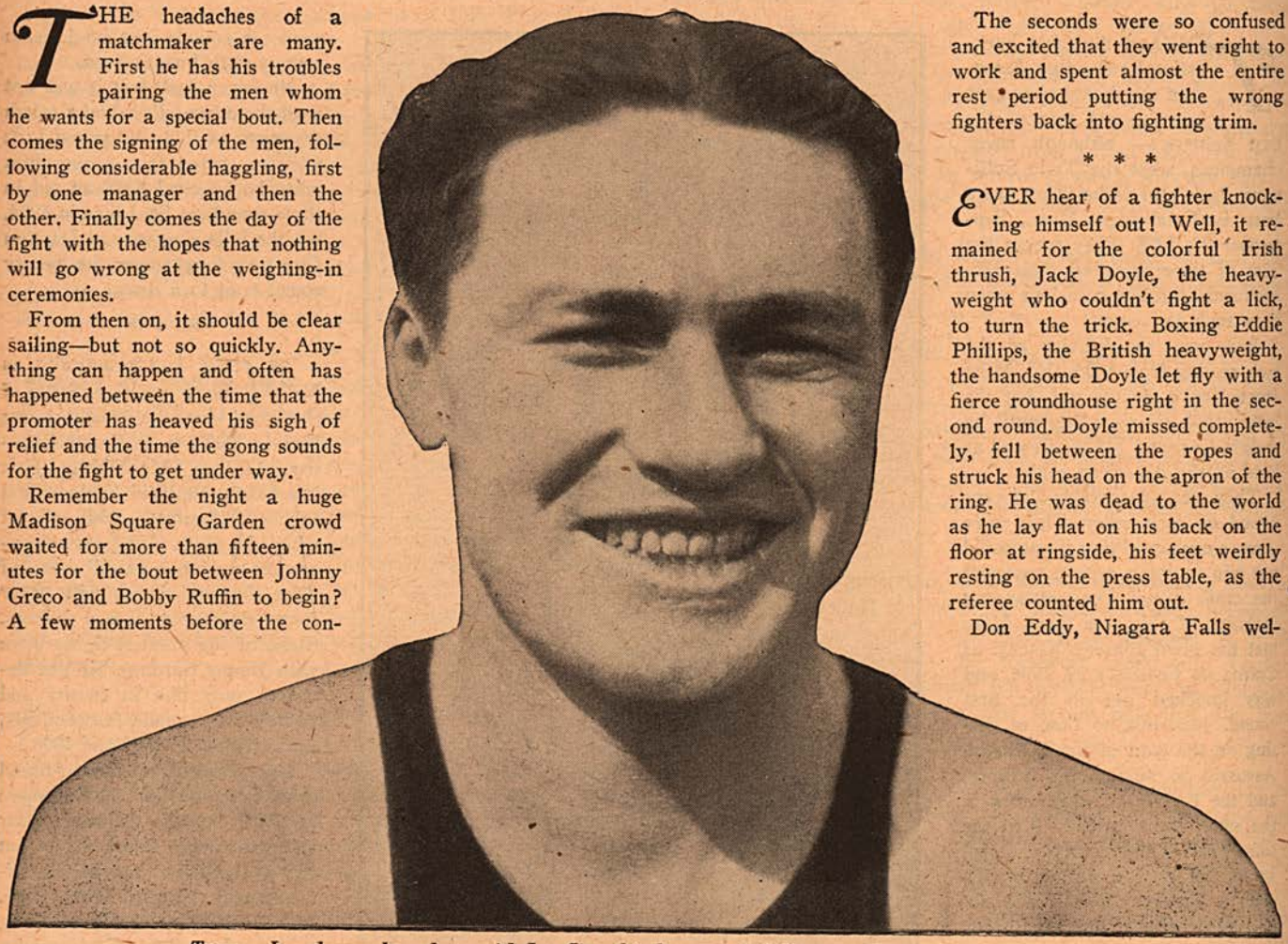
In Queer Alleyland

By Irving Rudd

THE headaches of a matchmaker are many. First he has his troubles pairing the men whom he wants for a special bout. Then comes the signing of the men, following considerable haggling, first by one manager and then the other. Finally comes the day of the fight with the hopes that nothing will go wrong at the weighing-in ceremonies.

From then on, it should be clear sailing—but not so quickly. Anything can happen and often has happened between the time that the promoter has heaved his sigh of relief and the time the gong sounds for the fight to get under way.

Remember the night a huge Madison Square Garden crowd waited for more than fifteen minutes for the bout between Johnny Greco and Bobby Ruffin to begin? A few moments before the contestants were to enter the ring, Mr. Ruffin decided to take a "breath of fresh summer air" as he so quaintly phrased it!



Tommy Loughran whose bout with Leo Lomski almost ended disastrously for the Philadelphian.

There have been quite a number of freak, unusual happenings in boxing lately. Double knockouts, fighters appearing on a card twice in one night, confused tallying of slips by officials, fighters hopping from one city to another in one night, these are bizarre occurrences which the average fan is beginning to take in his stride.

Take the case of Pee Wee Lewis.

Lewis, a fair featherweight fighting out of New York, entered the ring at Portland, Oregon, on the night of November 5, 1943, to do battle with Joey Dolan. Pee Wee hopped over the ropes, danced around confidently, scuffed his feet in the resin, and took off his robe. A gasp went up from the 3700 fans.

Lewis had forgotten his trunks! He beat a hasty retreat to the dressing room to correct the error, then returned to take a ten-round licking from Dolan.

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BOXERS heading for the wrong corners at the end of a round is a common episode, but it took Charley Hart and Bingo Bobby, a pair of Negro lads, to add a novel twist to a good bout in New Orleans. Bobby and Hart were mixing it furiously when the bell sounded. Groggy, they staggered apart. The boys were confused and reeled toward the wrong corners. Now here's the payoff!

The seconds were so confused and excited that they went right to work and spent almost the entire rest period putting the wrong fighters back into fighting trim.

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EVER hear of a fighter knocking himself out! Well, it remained for the colorful Irish thrush, Jack Doyle, the heavyweight who couldn't fight a lick, to turn the trick. Boxing Eddie Phillips, the British heavyweight, the handsome Doyle let fly with a fierce roundhouse right in the second round. Doyle missed completely, fell between the ropes and struck his head on the apron of the ring. He was dead to the world as he lay flat on his back on the floor at ringside, his feet weirdly resting on the press table, as the referee counted him out.

Don Eddy, Niagara Falls welterweight, also put the crusher on himself in a bout with Johnny Green of Buffalo. Fighting in Binghamton, New York, Eddy and Green were mixing it at close quarters when Don, coming out of a crouch, pulled back suddenly to avoid a short uppercut. In raising his head, Eddy cut the back of his noggin on Green's chin, inflicting a deep, badly bleeding gash. Eddy fell, and the fight was stopped with Green the surprise winner by a knockout.

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SIT-DOWN strikes are also found to take place in the midst of a bristling battle. In England a few years ago a boxer refused to come up for the eleventh round of a twelve-round go, claiming he had signed for only ten rounds. He was promptly disqualified.

On November 7, 1943, Joey Puig, New York bantam, hung one on the chin of Larry Torpey at the Cambria Club in Philadelphia, in the sixth round of a good slugfest. While Torpey lay prone and stiff, the referee counted him out. However, the bell had sounded at nine and the referee hadn't heard it, nor did Puig.

Puig jubilantly left the ring. When he was recalled, he refused to return, asserting he had seen Torpey counted out and therefore was the winner by a kayo. The following day at a commission meeting, Puig was disqualified and the decision awarded to Torpey!

A recent incident wherein the recipient of an illegal blow suffered, occurred in the bout between Ike Williams and Eddie

Giosa in Philadelphia. Giosa was more than holding his own with the N.B.A. lightweight kingpin, when he was struck with a left after the bell when his hands were down. Giosa dropped to the canvas, whereupon Referee Irving Kutcher penalized Williams the third round. Fats Garry, manager of Giosa, asked for a five minute rest for his charge, but Kutcher wouldn't allow it. The manager refused to permit his charge to continue, and it was ruled that Williams was the victor via a fourth round technical knockout, yet the real winner on a foul should have been Giosa.

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JOE ROSSI, a New York welterweight, won a bout while he was listening to the birdies chirp. Tommy Keene, of New London, Connecticut, landed a terrific punch that knocked Rossi dead as a doornail, and he was being counted out, when the bell rang and came to his rescue.

An episode of this type will always provoke memories of the historic fight between Stanley Ketchel and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien when the Michigan Assassin starched the boxing master only to hear the final gong rob him of a kayo victory. Old timers are still in heated disagreement concerning the verdict on that one.

Fritzie Zivic uncorked a beaut of a blow to stiffen Harold Green, Brooklyn welter, in the closing seconds of a ten-rounder. Green, to all appearances, could never have beaten the fatal "ten" if the bell hadn't sounded its welcome clang when it did.

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GLUTTONS for punishment were Jay D. Turner, Donnie Maes, Archie Wilmer and a few other scrappers. Turner, the big Texas heavyweight, who once went the route with Billy Conn, was knocked down 18 times before the referee stopped his fight with Johnny Pretzie in Boston a few months ago.

Donnie Maes was knocked out in a battle with Ellis Phillips, the verdict being a TKO, but the Commissioner at the ringside overruled the referee and ordered Maes to have another chance. He had little or no chance the second time, as Phillips applied the finisher once more. He knocked the same man out twice in one fight in Philadelphia on October 25, 1943.

Archie Wilmer felt good after he knocked out Sal Clemente in one round at the Cambria Club in Philadelphia where quirks in boxing seem to be the rule rather than the exception! Wilmer, flushed by his quick victory, was in the dressing room preparing to don street clothes when he learned that a substitute was needed to tackle Frankie Grosso. He eagerly volunteered.

Back into the ring Archie clambered. The bell rang, there was a flurry of fists, and Wilmer's bid for ring glory faded as he was the victim of a one-round kayo himself.

The late President Franklin D. Roosevelt was once responsible for the easiest points victory ever scored by a star bout boxer. On December 9, 1941, two days after the blackest day in American history, Joe Boscarino and Raul Carrabantes, welterweights, were mixing it in the main go at the Queensboro Arena in New York. They had battled for three rounds with no real damage done, when the fight was halted to listen to President Roosevelt's speech, and a three-round decision was awarded to Carrabantes.

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THEN there is the story of the fighter who "got religion" and quit the boxing game for good a few hours before he was to box at Arena Gardens in Detroit.

Eddie Taylor, a Detroit lightweight with a fair record, weighed in on Monday, January 8th of this year, for a ten-round fight with Charley Hayes. Taylor, who held a knockout over Colion Chaney and had fought good battles against Mario Ochoa and Nate Bolden, bid his manager, Eddie Futch, farewell and went home to take a nap before the bout. A friend, Don Lovewell, was to have met Taylor, but when he arrived at 7:30 to escort Eddie to the Arena Gardens, he was told that the boxer had already left.

In the meantime, 2031 fans who had contributed to a gate of $4397 were waiting for the bouts to go on. When it became increasingly apparent that Taylor was not going to show up, Promoter Orville Godfrey announced that all spectators showing ticket stubs would have their money refunded, or the stubs would be honored for another show. Those who had discarded their ticket stubs upon entering the Arena Gardens, immediately began to scramble under their seats for the choice bit of pasteboard.

Thus while many fighters have had the distinction of standing the customers *upon* their seats, Taylor by failing to appear, probably became the first pugilist in the history of boxing to put the patrons *under* them.

All sections of Detroit were scoured thoroughly in a vain attempt to locate the missing fighter. The next day it was revealed that Taylor had joined the Bethlehem Temple, a church which does not approve of fighting. On the way to the fight he had been smitten by religion.

"I'm a Christian now and a man of peace," Taylor announced.

"I'm a Christian, too—and a man holding the bag," Promoter Orville Godfrey ruefully commented.

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STORIES of queer happenings would never be complete without the tale of Eddie Simms' antics in his fight with Joe Louis in Cleveland on December 14, 1936. Simms was a pretty good hitter, and had boxed Max Baer, in addition to holding Bob Pastor to a draw. Louis was still several months away from winning the heavyweight title, and his match against Simms the puncher was considered a test for the Brown Bomber, who only five months previously had suffered a disastrous knockout at the hands of Max Schmeling.

Both boys wheeled out of their corners as the bout began and suddenly Louis let fly with a crashing left hook followed by a quick right cross, and Simms bounced halfway across the ring. After taking the early part of the count in a sitting position, Eddie, his mouthpiece flecked with foam and half out of his mouth, managed to stand upright at eight. The assemblage of 10,362 customers, the majority of whom hadn't even seen the whiplike punches thrown by Louis, were startled to see Donovan signify it was all over barely 25 seconds after the fight began!

Later it was learned that Donovan, cautiously inquiring if Simms were all right, was told by the Slovenian heavyweight, "Sure, I'm all right. Let's take a walk . . . anyplace . . . up on the roof!"

A similar episode took place when Kayo Christner knocked out the giant Knute Hansen in the same ring a few years before the Louis-Simms scrap. Hansen, when he got to his feet, inquired, "Who's got the big red apple?"

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STRANGE though it was, the reaction of Tommy Loughran to the terrific punching of Leo Lomski, the Aberdeen Assassin, was a great tribute to the instinctive boxing ability of the clean-cut Philadelphian, who held the world's lightheavyweight title.

They named the blond Lomski with unusual aptness when they hung the "Aberdeen Assassin" monicker on him. He was a murderous body puncher, a rip-tear slugger always on the move, continually dangerous and aggressive. Loughran, defending his title against Leo on January 6, 1928 at Madison Square Garden, began boxing confidently when a resounding right to the jaw caught the Quaker City dancing master on the jaw and dropped him for a count of eight.

Dazed, he got up, and Lomski swarmed all over him. Another right to the jaw sent Tommy down for a nine count, and as the bell sounded ending the furious first frame, Loughran was a wobbly, badly beaten champion with his crown perched precariously upon his brow.

Then began one of the gamest uphill struggles ever made by a boxing champion to retain his title. Shaky at first, Loughran began to box brilliantly. He stabbed and moved out of harm's way with all the cunning he could command. The rest is history as Loughran went on to defend his title successfully, winning a fifteen-round decision from Lomski.

It wasn't until after the bout that the queer, unbelievable incident regarding the fight came to light. Loughran himself admitted that from the second

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NEW FACES

By JIMMY HALSTEAD

Vincent Villavicencio, latest Mexican to join New York ranks of fighters.

CHARLEY "CHUCK" COOPER

JOE McGUIGAN, for years a famous Philadelphia boxing referee and more recently a promoter at Norristown, Pa., has gone out on the limb for a young welterweight named Charles "Chuck" Cooper, who fought his first pro fight for McGuigan some six months ago.

Writes Joe: "As you know I've been around the boxing game since 1910 . . . . and I am going on record now that inside of a year, Chuck Cooper will be one of the outstanding welters in the East. He is one of the most terrific punchers I've ever seen."

Cooper hails from Detroit. He moved to Washington, D. C., and now makes his home in Philadelphia. He won 55 out of 58 amateur bouts, and in 1943 went to the A. A. U. National Tournament with another Washingtonian, Aaron Perry. Both boxed in the welterweight class. Perry was eliminated but Cooper knocked out four opponents to win the National title.

Honorably discharged after three years of service in the Army, Chuck has scored straight knockouts thus far. Cooper is guided by ex-Major Regis Daily, who was his boxing coach at Camp Lee.

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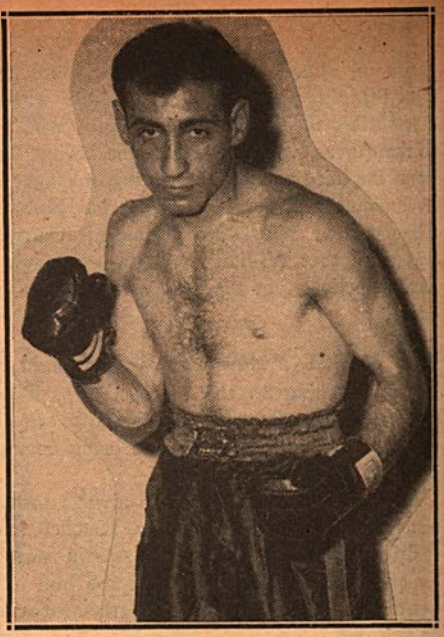
VINCENT VILLAVICENCIO

IF Charley Johnston, New York manager, continues to lure any more Mexican boxers north to the United States, he will undoubtedly be called the "American Jorge Pasquel of Boxing."

Johnston, whose stable of South of the Border sluggers now consists of Julio Cesar Jiminez, Nava Esparza, Onelio Agramonte, and Jorge Morelia, has added Vincent Villavicencio, a 23-year-old middleweight, from Tijuana.

Villavicencio turned pro in 1942 shortly after winning the amateur welterweight title of Mexico. He boasts a fairly good record. He kayoed rugged Rudy Campa, Joe Keys and fought slashing draws with Nava Esparza and Chester Slider. Vincent also defeated Slider, Sheik Rangel, and Kid Lester.

The Mexican newcomer to the East is one of eleven children. His father was captain of a fishing boat, but as a boy, Villavicencio, like others residing in Tijuana, hoped to become a jockey. His hopes were shattered because he grew quickly and added weight. Vincent got his start in boxing by entering an amateur tournament for a lark after several of his pals enrolled.



Joey Brocato, New York City lightweight.

Baby Allen, crowd pleasing bantamweight from Colon who has thrilled Panama fight enthusiasts during the past few months.

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FREDDIE MENNA

FREDDIE MENNA, 22-year-old Jamaica, L. I., welterweight youngster, is another of the many ex-GI's who first learned to box while in the service and is now trying his luck among the punch-for-pay boys.

At this writing, Menna has compiled a very good record, having won all but one of fifteen professional fights. He has scored eight knockouts. Freddie is a former Marine who enlisted in the Corps on March 17, 1943. He saw plenty of action on Saipan and the Marshall Islands. While on the Marshall Islands, Menna entered a boxing tournament. After winning recognition as champion of the Islands, Freddie continued his campaign and racked up a string of 29 victories without a setback.

Upon his discharge, he joined Dick Vick's Beaver Gym in his neighborhood and began training for a pro career. Menna had his first fight at Laurel Gardens in

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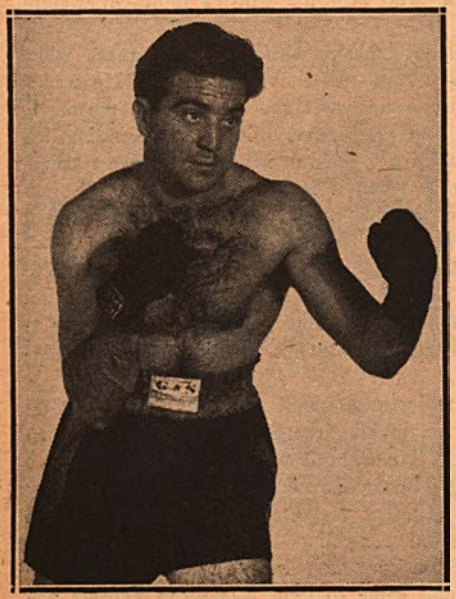
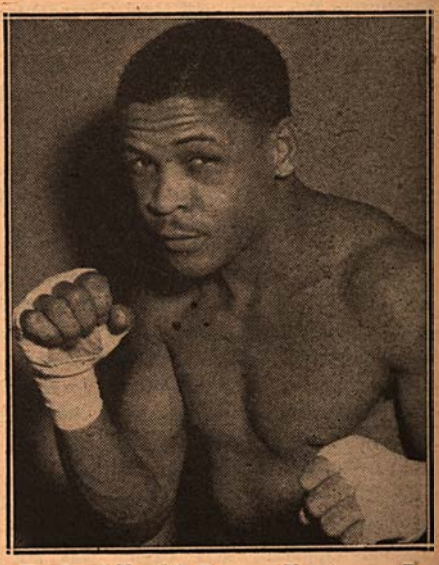


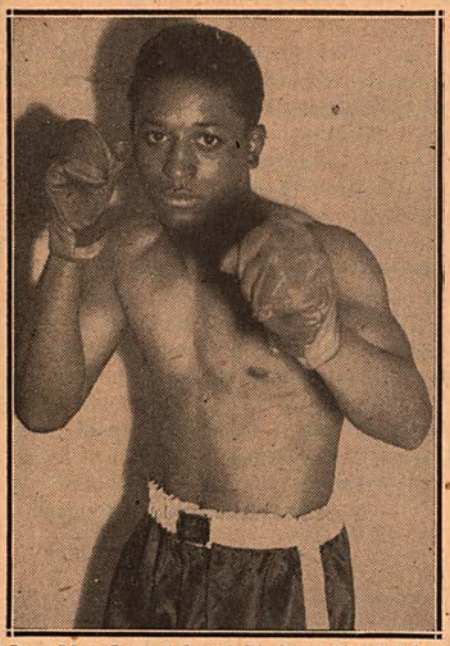
Freddie Menna, Jamaica, Long Island, welterweight.



Charles "Chuck" Cooper, Norristown, Pa., welterweight.

GOOD CLUB FIGHTERS

By NAT LOUBET



Joe Murphy, Asbury Park welterweight.

JOE MURPHY

JOE MURPHY of Asbury Park is the best looking prospect that has been developed at the Seashore city in many years. Murphy first put on the gloves last February, and after three months' training and tutoring Jolting Joe had his first pro fight at the Asbury Park Armory, where Roland J. Hines is the matchmaker and promoter. Murphy knocked out Bobby Brooks in the second round. Three more fours and Promotor Hines elevated him to a "five round special," which he won with ease.

Since that time he has engaged in three sixes with success. In a short span of four months Murphy has engaged in eight bouts, winning seven and dropping one.

Joe Murphy is managed by Charlie Gorman.

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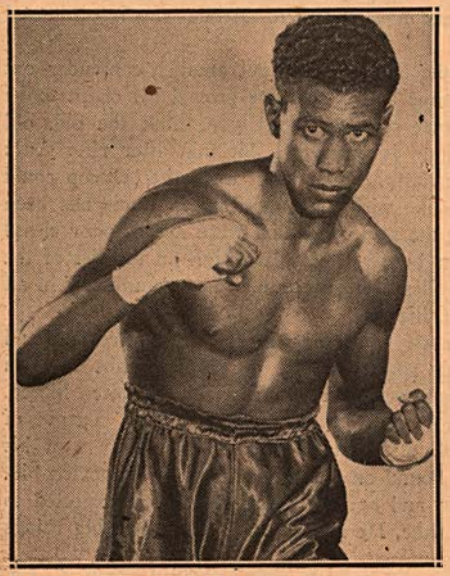
JOHNNY "BATTLING" WELLS

JOHNNY WELLS, Negro Junior welterweight of Seattle, won the Pacific Northwest amateur welterweight title of 1946, conducted by the Seattle *Post Intelligencer*. Shortly thereafter, Johnny turned pro under the wing of George Chemeres.

Since joining the professional ranks, Wells has fought a draw with Dick Wagner and with veteran Mike Stankovich and in a return go with Mike was stopped in the eighth by virtue of a badly cut eye. Wells defeated Babe Pacazo in ten and kayoed Rio Rito in 3 heats at Seattle.

Johnny is an aggressive fighter who lives up to his nickname of "Battling." He is a crowd pleaser who has been taught the ropes by "Tiger" Al Lewis, the Pacific coast "wise man" of a decade ago.



Johnny "Battling" Wells, Negro Coast welterweight.

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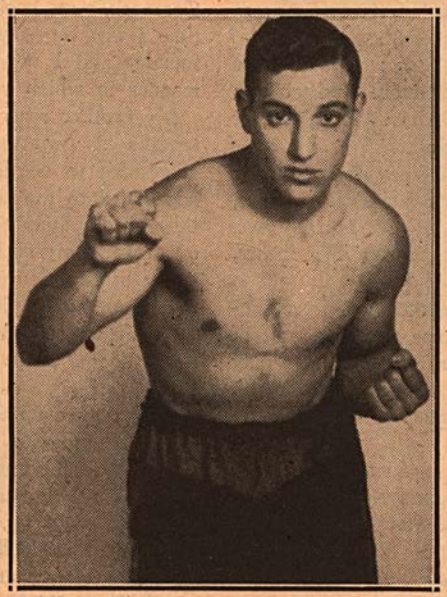
EARL "RED" CADDICK

EARL "RED" CADDICK, Bristol, Connecticut, welterweight, who at this writing has won seven out of ten pro fights. This year he has a record of two losses out of seven starts. Denny McCabe beat him in seven rounds and Johnny Parker caught Caddick cold in 59 seconds of the first round.



Patsy Gall, Freeland, Pa., welterweight

In the win column, Earl decisioned Redcap Cooper in six and in succession chilled Jinx Menard, Tony Barette, and Freddie Belesano, each in one round. He also had a draw with Joey Fredda in a six-round affair.

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LARRY VILLENEUVE

LARRY VILLENEUVE, 19-year-old middleweight of Providence, R. I., has been coming along rapidly. He has suffered one defeat in twenty-two professional contests.

Since his discharge from the Navy last July, Larry has had eight bouts, winning seven and losing his last to Billy Nash in 8 rounds. Larry was unable to fathom the crude style of Nash and was baffled by the long reach that Nash used to good advantage. Four of Larry's seven wins this year were via the kayo route.

Larry is managed by George Lobris.

Larry Villeneuve, promising Providence middleweight.

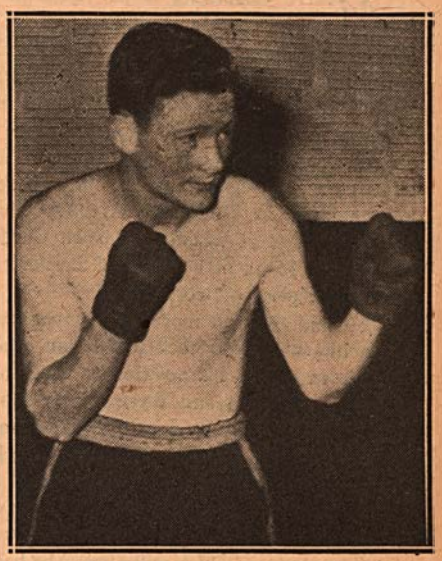
PATSY GALL

PATSY GALL, 30-year-old Freeland, Pa., ring veteran, who after three years of retirement is making a comeback in Pennsylvania rings. Patsy has rung up ten wins as against one defeat and one draw since donning the gloves on the comeback trail.

While in retirement, Patsy worked in the rock tunnels of the anthracite mines where the hard work blossomed him into a full-fledged welterweight.

Gall has defeated Jimmy McDonough, Harvey Wiss, Chavos Ramos, Andy Klinges, Billy Avarez, Micky Balletierre, Len Reeds, Bobby Green, and Charley Hilton twice. He has had a draw with Billy Avarez in their second meeting and lost one to Sam Haskins.

Patsy is of Italian descent, is married and is the father of five girls and one son. He runs an ice business on the side. His mentor is Jack Campbell.



Earl "Red" Caddick, Bristol welterweight.

LETTERS *from Our* READERS

FOR many years I have accepted THE RING as authoritative, allowing, of course, for minor errors inseparable from any big publication. It was with amazement, therefore, that I read the paragraph on page 36 of the August issue that in Australia Vic Patrick met with a reverse at the hands of Bos Murphy, and further on in the ratings, "Vic Patrick's defeat at the hands of Bos Murphy did not affect Vic's standing any as his opponent outweighed him and the decision was unpopular."

The facts are that Vic, who was then lightweight and welterweight champion of Australia (he has since withdrawn unbeaten from the welterweight division) came to New Zealand at the invitation of the Hutt Valley Boxing Association for two fights. In the first he beat the former N.Z. welterweight champion, Vic Caltaux by a K.O. in the third round, on April 13 of this year.

The second match was fought at the Petone Recreation Ground, Wellington, New Zealand, on the afternoon of April 27 before a crowd of 15,000, Patrick meeting Murphy, who was then N.Z. welterweight champion, having won the title a few months earlier from Caltaux. Murphy won on points over 12 rounds after the best fight seen in this country in years.

Both boys were welterweights, Murphy being 10 stone 4 pounds and Patrick 9 stone 11 pounds. The decision was a close one and was the subject of considerable controversy, but the majority of newspaper reports agreed with the referee's decision.

Murphy is the best fighter New Zealand has produced for years. His success over Patrick was all the more creditable in that Patrick had a record of 44 wins in 46 fights. Murphy's ring record up to that point was 11 wins in 12 fights.

A comparison of the measurements will show that Murphy had a great deal in his favor. Patrick was 5 feet 6½ inches, weight 9 stone 11 pounds, reach 72 inches, age 26. Murphy was 5 feet 11 inches, weight 10 stone 4 pounds, reach 73¼ inches, age 21.

Your report said that the decision was unpopular. On the contrary the bout was fought in Murphy's home area. Because of Patrick's imposing record, Murphy was considered to have only an outside chance. His splendid showing delighted the crowd. When he received the verdict, the crowd went mad with excitement.

CLAUDE L. KING
Wellington, New Zealand.

Editor's Note—The report we got in the States was that the fight was an over the weight match and what we referred to under the circumstances, was that Patrick's standing as a lightweight was not affected.

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MANY thanks for recent issues of THE RING which I received safely. You are to be congratulated on having piloted this magazine through the difficult period of the recent world upheaval and I am sure that all readers of your excellent publication will wish you every success in the post-war era.

Of particular interest to British Empire readers were your articles on Woodcock and the arrival on the fistic scene of Jack Solomons as a big-time promoter. The two recent indoor promotions by the latter at Hamingay Arena produced gate returns equal to the highest at Madison Square Garden. International bouts are the life-blood of boxing and Lesnevich's win over Mills was a clear-cut piece of workmanship.

We could do with more of his type over here and a bout between him and Woodcock will be an excellent attraction.

Louis maintains his position as king following his eight-round victory over Conn and there appears to be no reason why he should not equal John L. Sullivan's record by holding the title for ten years. In point of achievement he is definitely the greatest heavyweight, his twenty-two defences of his crown and willingness to meet any challenger regardless of ability or color guarantee him that position. Whether he is the greatest of all time will of course be a matter which will always be hotly disputed by partisans of Johnson, Jeffries, Fitzsimmons and Dempsey.

Several items of criticism which I am sure you will not object to, are the question of the judging of fights and the matter of the "no foul rule." The first seems to have quite a lot of bearing on the many disputed verdicts reported in the U. S. recently. The handling of a fight by a referee only, as carried out on this side, places the whole issue squarely in the hands of one man and questionable verdicts are thereby reduced to a minimum.

As regards the second matter, I should like your opinion as to what course you would take in a contest where a fighter wins either by a K.O. or on points, such result being brought about by his opponent having been incapacitated by low blows in ferocious rounds. On this point also I believe that we follow the correct Queensberry ruling by disqualifying a boxer who delivers low blows.

Your book "Milo to Londos" is an excellent history of wrestling through the ages and is a fine publication.

LEWIS J. JONES,
Buckland, Portsmouth, England

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SOME months ago I ordered and received, in the name of my younger brother James Cameron, 18 Port Glasgow Rd., Greenock, some books on boxing, training and managing. At that time I was very busy at my work as an engine-fitter in a local foundry and I now wish to thank you very sincerely for the manner in which you contracted the business with him.

My brother received the three books from you and was told to take his own time in which to pay for them. It was very refreshing to be thus treated and trusted by any firm and it has added to the prestige you have already won in our family through our boxing bible, THE RING Magazine, which is passed on to us by my uncle who receives it from you.

My brother Hugh is the present Scottish flyweight champion and often figures in your ratings. He is just now serving in Palestine with the R.A.F. and expects to be "demobbed" some time next summer when he will get back to serious business in the ring. I, myself, was Scottish amateur featherweight champion in 1939 but gave up the game when pressure of work during the war forced me to stop training. My brother Jim is expecting to figure in the amateur lists this season under the tutelage of my father who taught the rudiments of the game to all three of us although he was never a boxer himself.

While on the subject of tutelage, let me take the opportunity to congratulate you on publication of the books I have spoken about. It would be hard to think of any angle in boxing that is left unexplained in their pages and they are a grand addition to boxing literature and most useful to anyone who is connected with boxing.

So Joe Louis did the expected and put another contender out of his way in quick time and once more proved his claim to be one of the really great champs. Don't you think the old, old story of poor opposition is wearing a bit thin after nine years and twenty-three conquests? I wonder if any other champ could have been as businesslike with the opposition as Louis has been even if we grant that the said opposition were ALL of poor class! I say that Louis must be given his place high on the list of the boxing immortals, besides being a credit to any community in all other departments of life.

Our Bruce Woodcock is shaping in the right direction and may shake American supremacy in the heavyweight division quite soon if Louis gets out of the game as he has often hinted.

Another one to keep your eyes on is Randolph Turpin of Leamington, England, a Negro A.B.A. champ, who won his first pro fight in one round on the Woodcock and Lesnevich bill. He is a middleweight and only 18 years old and is expected to bloom as a heavy in time. He is a great prospect and big things are expected of him.

WILLIAM CAMERON,
Greenock, Renfrewshire, Scotland.

I AM a regular reader of your magazine and more often than not, thoroughly agree with your writers and their opinions. However, I heartily disagree with the first article in your September issue by Mr. Daniel, regarding Champion Joe Louis and his photographic mind.

I watched Joe Louis when he boxed at Bacon's Arena (his first professional fight) in Chicago until the night he beat Jimmy Braddock. I attribute his successful career to one factor. He was about the best ring man who went in to carry out his instructions from the corner. What instructions they were, too! Why, old Jack Blackburn proved himself a real marvel, the way he tutored Joe into such a finished project. Jack Blackburn, working for Eddie Kane, did the same for a skinny Italian kid in 1923, this boy became famous in 1926 when as Sammy Mandel he won the lightweight crown.

If Joe Louis did not look good against A. Godoy, T. Farr, or M. Schmeling, I attribute this to the fact these boys were all foreigners, and Jack Blackburn had little chance to solve their styles for Joe, but I believe a rematch did partly prove my point.

My observations of Joe Louis are strictly those of an uninterested student of the fight game both inside and outside the ring, and I look on the big fellow as a credit to the game.

JACK MCPHEE,
Detroit, Michigan

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I ENJOYED the book, "Stanley Ketchel," the story of my idol. I recently read Mr. Whedon's article on Harry Greb and though I agree that Harry was a great fighter, I wouldn't rate him over Ketchel. If one goes back to THE RING Record Book he will find in the Langford record a report that he and Ketchel fought a no-decision bout in Philadelphia, but the fact is that Stanley handed the Boston Tar Baby a terrific shellacking. Could Harry Greb have fought Langford and lasted through six rounds at this time of Sambo's career? I doubt it.

Ketchel during his short but thrilling career, tackled all comers —middleweights, light-heavies and heavyweights. He feared no man. He dropped the world heavyweight champion, Jack Johnson, though he was knocked cold with the next punch. But could Greb have done that? Never!

Recently they compared Rocky Graziano to Ketchel. What a piece of folly! The boxing world hasn't seen the equal of Ketchel since his untimely death and I dare say it will be many more years before another Ketchel hits the headlines.

Your book on Ketchel is your best. Keep up the good work. Let's have some biographies of famous ringmen.

H. C. RAVENCROFT,
New Orleans, La.

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YOUR very welcome letter of August 19 received and I assure you it was fully appreciated. Having been entirely out of the fight game for many years it is well worth while to know that one is not entirely forgotten.

Acting on your information, I addressed a letter to Sam Austin in care of your office. I had not heard anything about Sam until Damon Runyon wrote that story about him, and had often thought that I would like to write him if only to say, "Hello, Sam." Of course we get all the fight news via AP but they are a bit stingy about details as regards officials.

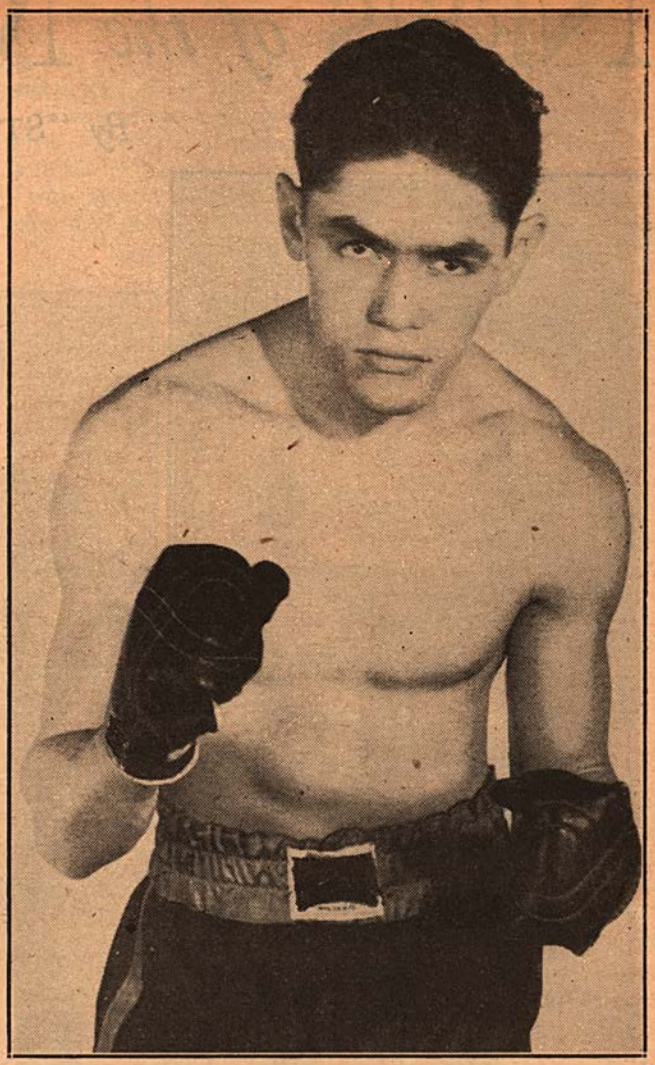
The glove game is slowly coming to life here. We have several small clubs with the usual swarm of aspiring fighters, but sad to say, I am inclined to think that in the "open market" they would rate, well—"not so good."

Every one of them lack all knowledge of defense, and I cannot fancy any of them that might be termed a comer.

Very often incidents occur that cause me to recall some experiences that I have had in the long ago in the days of "bush-fighting."

Some of them might prove interesting to the boys of today who are "coddled and pampered" by comparison to the manner the "old timers" were treated.

Many times I have fought boys (local champeens) in towns in the central and middle west, and as old Bat Masterson would put it, "You were lucky to get a Mexican stand-off," meaning that you would be lucky to lose everything but your life. Towns as large and as civilized as Denver had their favorites—and to beat a favorite—well, you just HAD to be good.



Jimmy Doyle, Los Angeles welterweight, has fully recovered, and after a long layoff has resumed boxing. Jimmy clashed with Stanley Miller at Scranton on November 11, and with this victory under his belt he feels confident that he will again reach the heights. Prior to his untimely injury in his overweight match with Artie Levine in Cleveland, Jimmy was rated among the first four best world welters by THE RING. *Doyle has deposited a check for $2,000 with the New York Commission as a binder to meet the winner of the Commission-made world welter title bout between Ray Robinson and Tommy Bell. Doyle whipped Bell in Cleveland in a ten-rounder. Prior to his temporary retirement, only Ray Robinson, Marty Servo and Rocky Graziano were rated above him.*

One contest that I recall was a finish affair with Dannie Daly in South Omaha in 1891. It lasted 91 rounds (six hours and three minutes) and is the longest featherweight fight on record.

An old Irish police captain allowed us to go—he was greatly interested in the outcome—until he heard the church bells ringing in a nearby Catholic Church, then he stopped the fight in a hurry.

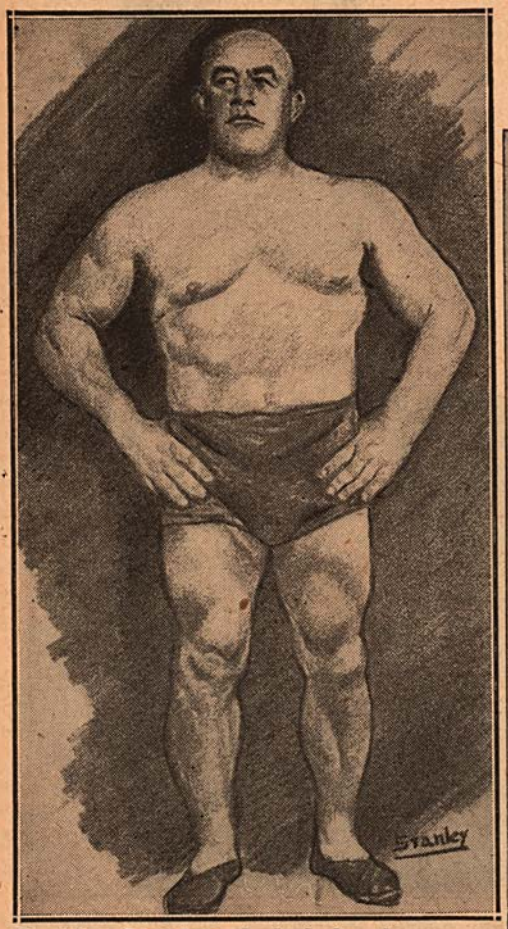
The payment of the purse, $500, might be interesting to the boys who today command thousands although the "go" may smell to high heaven.

That is ONE reason for gladness on my part in having the sport legalized, and then to be chosen from among countless others, as ONE of the first participants—well, I could fully appreciate it.

TOM WHITE,
Chicago, Ill.

NEWS *of the* MAT WORLD

By "STANLEY"



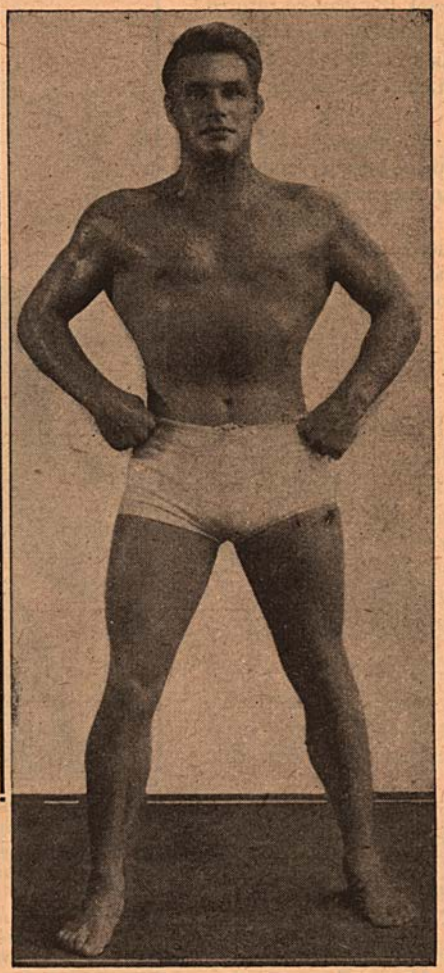
Stanislaus Zbyszko as he looked at the age of 58. Still a very powerfully built athlete.

AFTER a most spectacular Western tour, Primo Carnera, former world champion heavyweight boxer, moved into New York as a wrestler. The big city looked good to Primo, for it was here that he reaped a fortune only to have it taken from him by unscrupulous managers. He won the crown from Jack Sharkey in 1934 at New York's Madison Square Garden Bowl.

His Eastern debut as a matman took place at St. Nicholas Arena and his victim was Bobby Bruns. To wrestling promoters and big-wigs, this was more than just another grunt bout. In this huge Italian, they visioned the comeback of wrestling to a new all time high. At 8:30, one hour and a half before the main bout began, 5,000 persons were turned away. The arena was packed. For the first time in more than a decade, most of the prominent New York newspapermen occupied ringside seats.

What was it that made people come to see Carnera, many of whom had never before witnessed a wrestling bout! Many wrestlers are bigger than "Da Preem". Many know far more about wrestling than he, and many matmen are more powerful than Primo, yet fans flocked to get a view of the Italian Goliath in a new role. Perhaps it was the same kind of publicity that Leon See and Bill Duffy used to build Primo up when Carnera first hit these shores as a heavyweight boxing challenger, that caused all the uproar. Or perhaps folks just wanted to see if Primo Carnera could really wrestle. At any rate a record crowd for St. Nick's paid a record gate to watch the proceedings and enjoyed every minute of it.

We were surprised at the ability the big boy displayed. He knows his holds and his leverage and as a showman, we have seen few better. He rates with Londos, and Ed Lewis in that department. Naturally he tossed Bruns, which came as no surprise to onlookers. The end came in a little under twenty minutes.



Bobby Bruns, Primo Carnera's victim in his first New York appearance.

The show drew 4,325 paid admissions, and a gross of $10,905.

Signor Carnera works on a salary basis. He gets a flat $2,000 per week and he averages about four engagements. Not bad for a forty-year-old man who lost his fame and fortune back in 1936.

Following his debut, he packed the Ridgewood Club, Jamaica Arena, the Forum, and other New York arenas. He'll make his $100,000 before he sails back to Italy. He hopes to be readmitted later under a quota, and become an American citizen.

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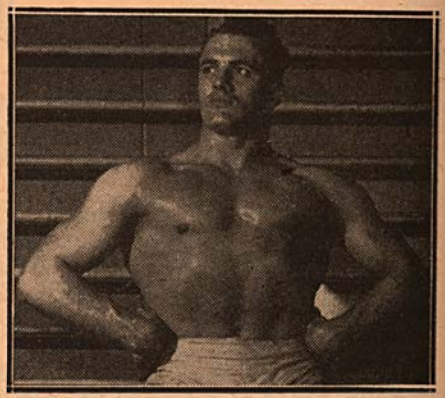
THE Scarlet Pimpernal, holder of THE RING Magazine belt, emblematic of the Hawaiian junior heavyweight title, was finally unmasked and relieved of his crown before 6,000 rabid wrestling fans who filled the Civic Auditorium of Hawaii to the rafters, writes our Hawaiian correspondent, Ted Yamachika. Previous to this, the hooded one had remained unbeaten in any two out of three-fall matches for nearly four months of grappling against the best in the islands.

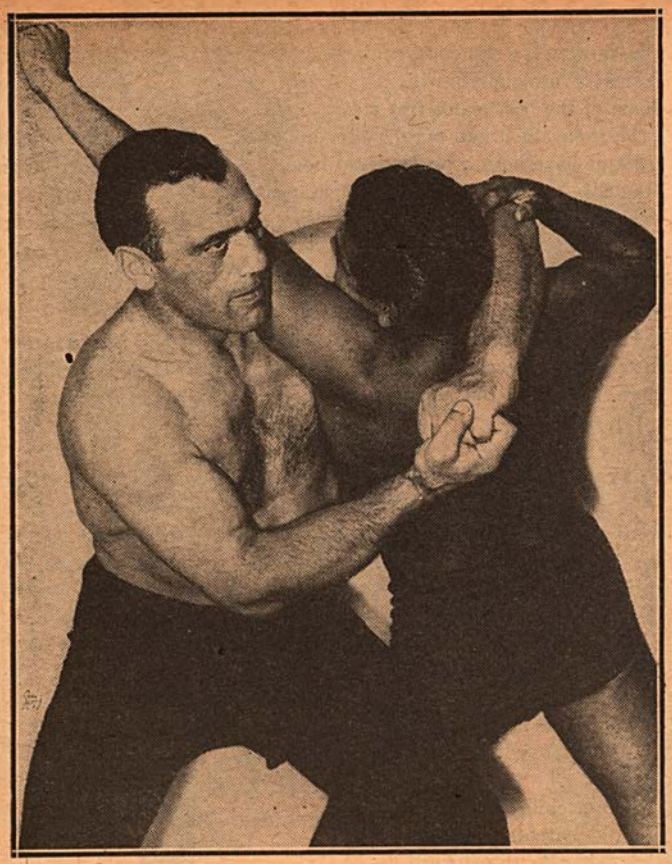
Lee Grable proved himself the man of the hour when he finally performed the feat of winning two straight falls against the clever Pimpernal. Employing his devastating pile driver, he pounded the masked one to the floor head first. The Pimpernal twisted his neck so badly that he yielded the fall and thereafter was unable to continue. By virtue of this victory, Lee Grable now holds the Hawaiian in addition to the Pacific coast title.



Stu Hart, a Canadian newcomer who shows promise.

Behind the mask was Ben Sherman, one of the most colorful and cleverest grapplers to show here. Ben hails from Portland, Oregon, but his itinerary as a wrestler has carried him to all the far corners of the globe. He was born in Alaska and raised in the East. He is a graduate of Yale University. During the 1928 Olympics held at Amsterdam he won the middleweight wrestling title.

At one time he went to India at the invitation of the Maharajah of Patiala and while there trained and wrestled with the great



Primo Carnera, who is now breaking attendance records in the East, demonstrating a headlock.

Indian wrestlers including the Indian champion, Hamida. At another time he trained at the Budoki Club in London where George Bernard Shaw used to appear occasionally.

Ben claims wrestling has been good to him and he expects to continue in the game for at least another dozen years.

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ERNEST "Gorilla" Poggi is another wrestler currently performing in Hawaiian Island rings who has traveled extensively. He calls Buenos Aires, Argentina, his home but his wrestling career has taken him to the Orient, India, and nearly all of the European countries. In all he has been wrestling for the last eighteen years and he claims to have wrestled in every state in the union.

His rough-house tactics has made him a great favorite with local fans and he's in for plenty of work. Later this year he expects to go on a European tour meeting all comers. A gentleman and scholar outside the ring he can speak five languages fluently. Right now he's learning to speak Hawaiian.

The return of Jacques Manuel, Portuguese wrestler, to the Islands has livened up new interest among the older wrestling fans. Jacques used to perform here when Promoter Al Karasick was in his heyday as a grunt and groan artist. After all these years the Portuguese villain is as spry as ever and already giving grapplers like Charley Carr, Kaimon Kudo, Lee Grable, Jimmy Gonsalves, Ernest Poggi and Ben Pilar a bad time.

Wong Buck Cheong is doing all right in his comeback campaign.

Most popular wrestler in Honolulu today is Zivko "Lucky" Simunovich, handsome ex-cop, who's been undefeated to date.

Pawtucket, Rhode Island, generally regarded as one of the best sporting centers in New England, saw the introduction of professional wrestling on Friday night, October 25, when the Meadowbrook Sporting Club presented a fine program of three bouts, featuring "Moochy the Magnificent" and Ted Germaine at the J. & P. Coats Recreation Hall.

The pro wrestling presentation marked the first time in almost 15 years that a pro ring sport had been conducted in that city. The last affair of this kind was a pro boxing show staged at the Pawtucket Elks' Auditorium. In bringing the mat game to Pawtucket, the Meadowbrook Sporting Club enables this popular city to join Providence, Woonsocket, Boston and other leading towns and cities in New England in presenting such attractions.

George Lobris, long associated with boxing and wrestling and Henry Bandieri, prominent Pawtucket sportsman, direct the activities of the Meadowbrook Club. They plan to operate every Friday night during the fall and winter season. Lobris and Bandieri made a ten-strike in becoming affiliated with Paul Bowser.

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ONE morning about 11 o'clock, a short elderly man, who was as wide as he was tall, walked slowly up to our desk and asked to see the Editor. His hat was pulled down low over his eyes and his voice was low and sure, with a foreign flavor.

We didn't have to ask his name for only one man was ever built like that, arms big as a tree trunk and a chest with a diameter like that of a barrel. Stanislaus Cyganiewicz was his christened name but the sporting world knows him as Stanislaus Zbyszko. His name is as hard to spell as were his shoulders to pin down.

Zbyszko's career as a wrestler was amazing. His life as a whole, is interesting enough to fill several books. He was a physical marvel during his peak and he retained that unusual makeup long after he reached the half century mark years ago.

Ben Sherman, a native of Portland, Oregon, who is now wrestling in Hawaii.

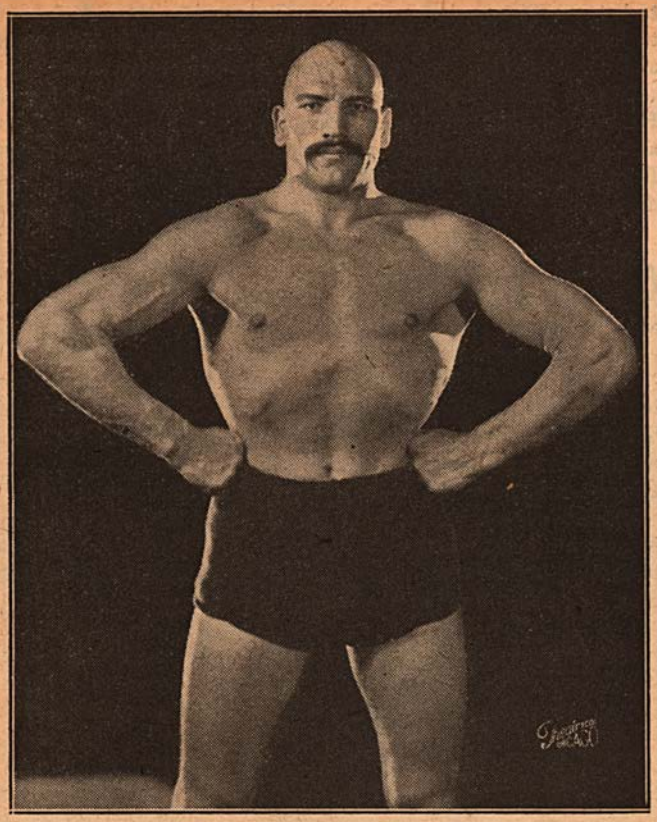
He startled the wrestling world by capturing the championship of the world from Ed Strangler Lewis when Stanislaus was 40 years of age and bald headed. When he was sixty, he was still active and engaged all the youthful football stars of the day with their flying tackles and dropkicks. Zibby came out on top most of the time and taught the young upstarts plenty about "his" wrestling business. As a wrestler few ever proved his equal.

When Stan flopped the young giant, Wayne Munn, holder of the world's catch-as-catch-can championship in a titular match in Philadelphia during the middle thirties, he established himself as the "Wonder Athlete of All Time." He has more than 5000 matches to his credit and numbers the greatest wrestlers that ever lived among his victims.

Stanislaus Zbyszko was born in Galicia and was one of five children. His younger brother, Wladek, also a famous wrestler, was almost on a par with Stanislaus in mat prowess. Of him we shall have more to say later. Zbyszko's father was in the Austrian government service and it was his intention to fashion a similar career for Stanislaus.

He sent the boy to a large private school, where the embryo famous wrestler demonstrated he was an apt pupil. He proved particularly proficient in languages and ancient history—and also wrestling, for there was a gymnasium attached to the school. Stanislaus finished his course at the academy when 16 years old.

But the proud boast of his deeds at school was the winning of an amateur wrestling tourney. At that time he weighed just 175,



Wladylaw Talun, the Polish giant who was discovered by Stan Zbyszko. Stanislaus is always on the lookout for prospects of Talun's type.

and he was a very powerfully built and developed youngster.

The following year he traveled to Vienna and won a light-heavyweight tourney. Fired with a genuine zeal for the game, Zbyszko turned professional and earned enough money to defray the expense of a course in law at the University of Vienna, where he won his degree.

In the summer time, when the university was closed, Zbyszko turned his attention strictly to wrestling. He encountered the greatest matmen in Europe—Aberg, Lurich, Constant La Marine, Koch and others—and always won. His skill attracted wide attention, and being a man of learning, his society was much sought after, even by the people of distinction.

Kaiser Wilhelm, then king of all Prussia, sent for him, was entertained with exhibitions of mat craft and later employed the Polander as an instructor in wrestling to the Crown Prince. Similar attentions were conferred upon him by Czar Nicholas when the Romanoff regime ruled the Russians.

Today, Zibby takes life easy. He lives in a New York hotel and takes many trips to Missouri where he owns a huge farm. He is fit as a fiddle and is always on the lookout for some bright young prospect to take under his wing.

He always was, and still is, a credit to the mat sport—a great wrestler and a gentleman of the old school.

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STU HART started out while still in public school at the Edmonton Y.M.C.A. to learn the wrestling game. He worked under such old-timers as Jack Taylor, former British Empire heavyweight wrestling champion, who retired after Earl McCready became the champion. Hart was rewarded for his efforts by winning the National Title in the light-heavy division in the Canadian championships held in Vancouver, B. C., May 23, 1940. This would have qualified him for a berth on the Canadian Olympic team had not the war caused the games to be postponed until after the war. This was a sad blow to young Hart as being an Olympic wrestler was one of his boyhood dreams.

He carried on his wrestling through the war years and was the Canadian Navy champion while serving in the Royal Canadian Navy. He spent over two years in the service and saw action on the high seas, which left him loving the sport of sailing.

The outdoor life on his father's ranch gave young Hart a rugged constitution so athletics came easy to him. He excelled in all forms of athletics having played ball, hockey and football with some of the best teams in Canada.

Hart says if it had not been for his love for wrestling he would perhaps have been a professional hockey player or continued with football. He figured the time had come when he must make a decision on what sport he must follow as a livelihood so he chose wrestling.

He met with instantaneous success and has acquired a large following of supporters wherever he has wrestled.

He has one of the finest physiques in wrestling and is one of the fastest and cleverest men in the 200-pound bracket. We predict a rosy future for this young athlete in his chosen profession.

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RECENTLY in Houston, Texas, Stan Sitkowski made a fine showing that kept the crowd cheering. Old-time mat fans were reminded of another Polish wrestler after watching the smooth style of this newcomer. While still a farm worker in his native land, Sitkowski caught the eye of Stanislaus Zbyszko. Old Stan saw a bright future for this youngster. Zybszko took Sitkowski in hand, taught him plenty and young Stan developed quickly. At last Zbyszko believed he was ready for an American invasion and the two set sail for this country.

Like a child who mimics his parents, Sitkowski's ring tactics turned out to be almost an exact duplication of the methods used by the great Zbyszko. This modern generation, who never had the opportunity to witness the mighty Polish grappler in action, will have a chance to see just how old Stan pinned the best of wrestlers to the mat when they watch his protege wrestle.

Wladek, Stanislaus's brother, also had a hand in teaching the newcomer. Wladek, at one time, was one of the leading matmen of the world.

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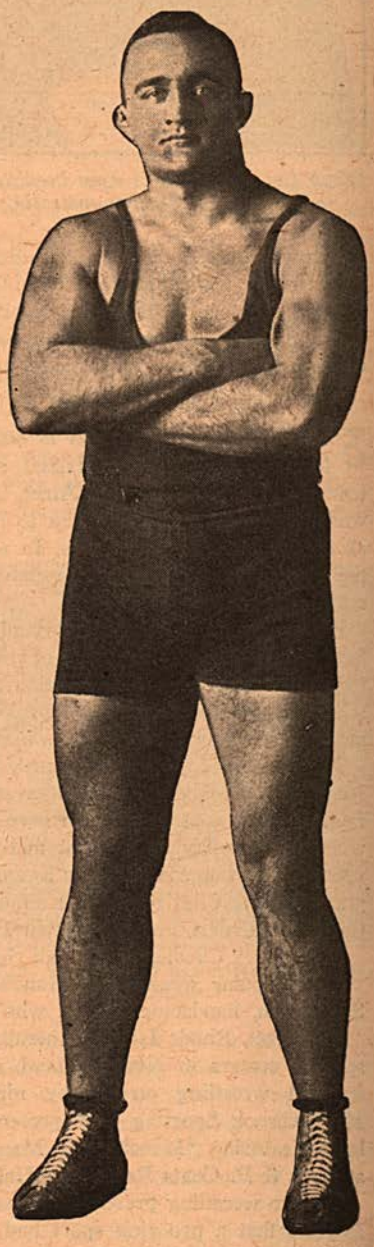
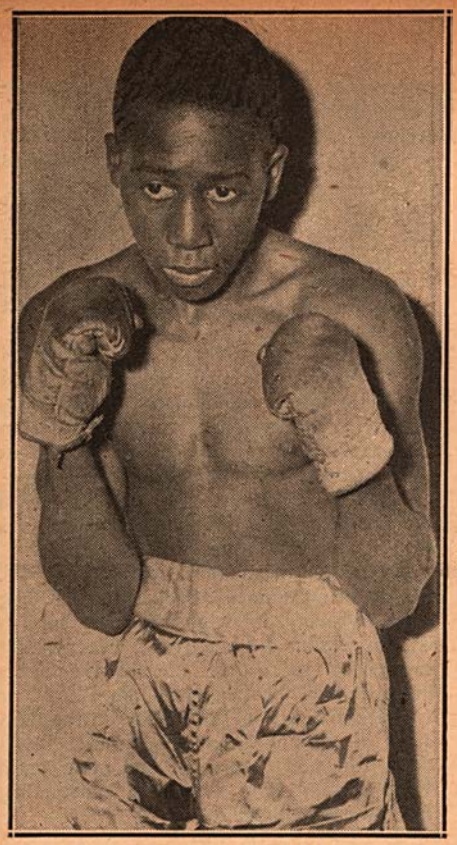
"The Super Swedish Angel — World's Ugliest Wrestler," that is the unflattering billing given to a new Mid-Western attraction. Here is a wrestler, so ugly, that words fail to describe his face. He has been built up into a leading figure in the localities in which he appears. The extraordinary part of his face is the length of it. While the chin is wide, it recedes as it progresses and ends up in a pointed dome. The nose lies flat on his face like a pancake. He is a freak if ever there was one.



Wladek Zbyszko, the other part of the famous family.

Making Strides

By HARVEY THORNE



Clarence (Honey Chile) Johnson of Asbury Park.

CLARENCE (HONEY CHILE) JOHNSON

CLARENCE (Honey Chile) Johnson, who is fighting out of Asbury Park, N. J., is destined to shine bright and long as a pro if his brilliant record to date can be taken as a criterion. Unbeaten in 15 straight amateur fights, Johnson turned pro in July after winning the Diamond Belt Sub-Novice championship in Philadelphia. In August he rounded out a full year of boxing both as an amateur and a professional.

He has engaged in six professional bouts to date and has won them all by knockouts. No opponent has lasted more than three rounds. The 18-year-old Quaker City lightweight made his first pro start on July 5 at Asbury Park, where he stopped the more experienced Nick Ristano, of Paterson, N. J., in 2:30 of the third round. In the same arena two weeks later he chilled Leroy Swain, of Newark, in 1:15 of the first round. His third opponent, Buck Rollins, of Trenton, was iced in 1:13 of the second round. Jimmy Stamford, of Newark, was stopped in 1:36 of the second on August 16. He halted Jimmy Land, of Newark, in 1:53 of the second round on Labor Day, and Charley Grant went the way of the others in 2:23 of the first on September 20.

He was born in Richmond, Va., June 25, 1928, and moved to Philadelphia when he was seven. He attended the Audenreid Junior High School there but quit school after finishing the ninth grade.

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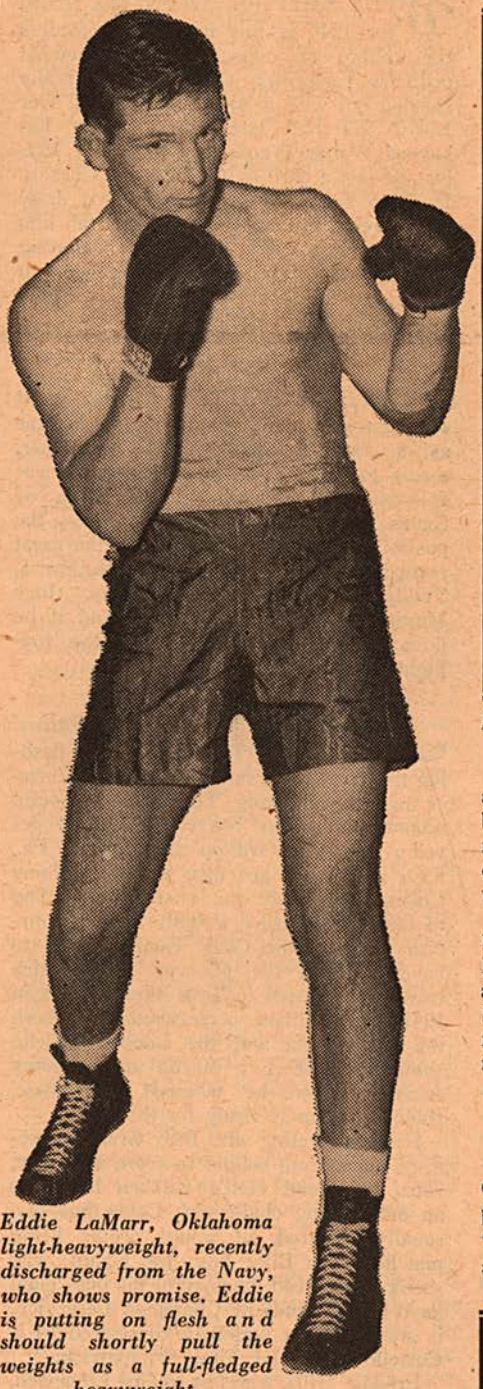
JOHNNY BREITENBRUCK

AN eighteen-year-old Marine stationed at Parris Island, South Carolina, by the name of Johnny Breitenbruck, holds down the important job of boxing coach for that post. Formerly the position was held by the one-time light-heavyweight king, Tommy Loughran. Johnny is not a bit swelled as a result of his appointment. He is proud but humble regarding his good fortune. Of interest, is his feeling for his home town, Brooklyn. Says Johnny, "More than trees grow in Brooklyn."

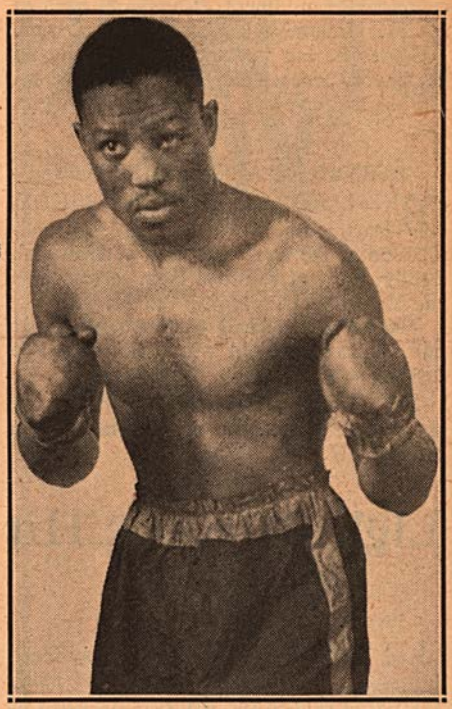
Breitenbruck started as an amateur welterweight and in 27 bouts copped the duke in 24, being on the loser's side three times. While in the Marines, Johnny developed into a middleweight. He possesses a good left jab and the footwork that goes with it.

Recently Johnny joined the pay ranks. His first pro battle took place in Augusta, Georgia, in which he put Tom Jenkins away in three fast rounds. In his second bout, he drew with Red Douglas and in a return go he came in second best. Then came a six-rounder with Mel Cameron, with Johnny taking the decision.

In quick succession Breitenbruck won his last three bouts, two via the kayo route. He iced Ray Jackson in two at Savannah, and the following week put the quietus on Sonny Cotter in three. In his most recent fight he took the duke over Buster Carroll in six rounds.



Eddie LaMarr, Oklahoma light-heavyweight, recently discharged from the Navy, who shows promise. Eddie is putting on flesh and should shortly pull the weights as a full-fledged heavyweight.



Haywood Warnum, middleweight from New England.

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HAYWOOD WARNUM

AFTER three years in the Army Air Corps, Haywood Warnum has been discharged and declares he has the "fighting urge." Haywood started to fight at the age of 16 in the welter class and

Bernard "Ace" McCloskey, Nova Scotia middleweight.

rolled up a record of 15 victories to three defeats before he retired. Warnum couldn't take the ring seriously and as a result his manager "Baby Tiger" got him to retire.

He joined the Air Corps where he fought occasionally and now that he is returned, he again is following boxing as a profession.

So far he has had ten bouts ringing up six kayoes and winning three by decisions. He has had one loss. He is a middleweight.

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BERNARD "ACE" McCLOSKEY

BERNARD "ACE" McCLOSKEY, Dartmouth, Novia Scotia, 154-pounder, who at the age of 19 is a veteran club fighter, has just returned from service with the Maritime Division of the Navy.

The "Ace" has had ten bouts this year and chalked up eight wins as against two losses.

McCloskey is managed by Lem Moore, the former Boston trainer, now residing in Halifax, N. S.

Light-Heavies Hit Spotlight

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Lloyd Marshall in 1943 when he stiffened Marshall in Cincinnati in July, and really revived boxing in the Redleg City when he drew a tremendous gate in beating Oakland Billy Smith on September 23.

Charles' winning record is studded with some of the best names in fistiana. As a middleweight he is one of the few, if not the only man, to twice defeat Charley Burley. Ken Overlin and Joey Maxim are two other top victims whom Charles whipped.

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TO Archie Moore must go a large portion of the credit, along with Lloyd Marshall, for keeping alive the light-heavyweight division during the lean war years. A ten-year veteran of the ring, Moore plods patiently along, waiting for the break denied him as a middleweight contender. Moore is one of those battlers who is too good for his own good. Unable to scare up any opposition, he was forced to go to Australia in 1939 where he defeated the top performers Down Under. In 1941 he was forced to the sidelines by a severe illness that threatened not only his boxing career but his life.

Archie bounded back and really got hot during 1945 when he twice kayoed Lloyd Marshall, stopped the Cocoa Kid, handed Holman Williams his second knockout in 14 years of fighting and even took on heavyweights. Speaking of heavyweights, Moore's feat of beating none other than Curtis Sheppard, a leading challenger for Joe Louis' title, places Archie among the greats of yesteryear, a throwback to the days when weight differences were laughed at and one fellow fought another without hesitation if he felt he could whip the bigger man.

His setback at the hands of Charles he blames upon the fact that his beloved mentor, the late James J. Johnston was ill and that Jimmy was not in his corner on the night he fought Charles. That was his only loss this year. He kayoed giant heavyweight Buddy Walker, spotting him over 20 pounds and also stiffened Jimmy Shamus O'Brien. In his last outing, he drew in 12 rounds with Billy Smith.

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BILLY SMITH'S won and lost record for 1946 is fair until one considers the calibre of opponents. A somewhat ordinary performer, Oakland Billy really stepped out with a surprise knockout over Lloyd Marshall last March. Billy has kayoed Walter Woods, lost to Jimmy Bivins and lost a hard fight to Ezzard Charles. He also fought the aforementioned draw with Archie Moore. Coast reports tab him as a dangerous, fast, relentless pacesetting scrapper who may yet come into his own and defeat the best. He held the California light-heavyweight championship.

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LLOYD MARSHALL, another great ten-year man who first gained fame as a sterling middleweight performer, seems to have gone into semi-retirement following his setbacks at the hands of Smith and Charles. There is always the possibility that Lloyd will regain the great form that saw him outpoint Jake LaMotta, Teddy Yarosz, Charley Burley, Joey Maxim and Holman Williams, and if he does he will play havoc with the top-flighters.

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AMONG the younger men Yarosz' kid brother, Tommy, has been flashing the great form reminiscent of the former middleweight king. Tommy is a smooth, seemingly flawless boxer. Should he develop a stronger wallop the Monaca, Pa., flash will be a hard man to stop. Johnny Colan, who made the mistake of trying to tangle with heavyweights after a four-year hitch in the Coast Guard, seems to have regained the pre-war form which earned No. 5 spot in THE RING ratings in 1941. His brilliant performances on both the Louis-Conn and the Louis-Mauriello shows against Erv Sarlin and Johnny Aichers whom he whipped with ease, stamped Colan as ready for the best.

His last meeting with Billy Grant wherein he came from behind to score a victory, rates the blond Hell's Kitchen belter as an outstanding challenger. Colan has personally declared he would prefer being matched with Billy Fox. Joe Kahut, who shook off the bad memory of his one-round kayo at the hands of Champion Lesnevich, is another to be seriously considered as is Costello Cruz and Fitzie Fitzpatrick.

Freddie Mills, who lost to Gus Lesnevich, can prove dangerous if he too abandons the heavyweights. His valiant stand against the champ in their non-title bout, merits the former R.A.F. sergeant a shot at Gus with the title at stake. The Lesnevich go was Mills' first in six years.

Another paralyzing belter to forge back into the forefront is Chicago's ace kayo artist, Booker Beckwith. Prior to being drafted the 6 foot 1½ inch socker defeated Solly Krieger, Red Burman, kayoed Lee Oma, and lost disputed decisions to Bob Pastor and Melio Bettina. Booker seeks a return match with Ezzard Charles who stopped him in their last pre-war fight on July 27, 1942.

What is Lesnevich's reaction as he surveys this fearsome, formidable list of potential opponents? His manager, Joe Vella, declares that the Cliffside Clouter fears no one and will defend the title as soon as eye injuries suffered in the Bruce Woodcock bout heal. Most observers feel that Gus will have too much difficulty making the 175-pound limit and that any of the aforementioned fighters are too strong and tough for the 32-year-old former Coast Guardsman.

However, one mustn't sell Lesnevich short. Years ago they said that Tami Mauriello would run him out of the ring, yet the Jersey veteran trounced Tami in 15 heats. The crape hangers moaned when Gus took on Joe Kahut, but the Woodburn, Ore., youth was almost ruined in one short round of the battle when he was stowed away by Lesnevich.

No matter what the eventual outcome, life is being pumped back into the long dead division. And while the fistic horizon is being scanned for a young heavyweight to oppose Joe Louis, one of the light-heavyweight challengers like Fox or Charles may fill out and follow in the footsteps of Tommy Loughran, Jimmy Braddock, Fitz and Carpentier and other great 175-pounders who became outstanding heavyweight challengers.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY

By MAX YEARGAIN

DYNAMITE-FISTED Ray Augustus, 170, looking sharper and punching cleaner than ever, needed just two minutes and fifty-six seconds of the first round to flatten Tommy Lenoir, 175, Dallas, October 18, before a large crowd in Topeka's million-and-a-half-dollar Municipal Auditorium.

The Atlas-constructed Topeka light-heavyweight sensation scored his fourth consecutive one-round knockout when he trapped Lenoir in the latter's corner, nailing him with a left and right to the jaw.

In the best fight of the card, Irish Johnny Riley, classy Oklahoma City middleweight, won a six-round decision over Oscar Lee Wilkins of Topeka in a ring brawl that had the customers on edge throughout the fight. Midway in the fight Wilkins put the Fancy Dan from Soonerland to the canvas with a terrific right to the jaw, but Riley came back to win the nod.

Ted "Mustang" Garcia, Denver lightweight, managed by Champ Thomas, needed only three rounds to stop Billy Cornelius, Oklahoma City welterweight, in a scheduled eight-rounder. Jackie Wilson, Topeka welterweight, won a close six-rounder over Howard Carr, Oklahoma City. Bill Jackson, Topeka heavyweight, stopped Nick Tully, Hershey, Pa., in the second round.

Ragon Kinney, heavyweight from Clarksville, Ark., who won national honors in the Golden Gloves and A.A.U. tournaments, climbed another rung on the fistic ladder, hammering out an eight-round decision over Buddy Thomas, case-hardened veteran from Washington, D. C., in one-half of a double main event, November 6, at the Forum, Wichita, Kan. Kinney had beaten Johnny Denson, Indianapolis heavyweight, two weeks before at the same arena. From the fifth round on Kinney gave Thomas a terrific shellacking, but the game veteran managed to stick it out.

Al Velez, light-heavyweight, found blond Mike Kelly, who substituted for Pug Wilson, no match for him. A stiff right uppercut in the second put Kelly out of business for the evening. Dick Smith, Oklahoma City middleweight, scored a T.K.O. over lanky Bob Caine of Detroit in four. Ernie DeFrance, Wichita featherweight, decisioned Joe Flors, El Paso, in four. Claude Sullard, Wichita welterweight, won a hair-line decision over Indian Ed Weller, Oklahoma City, in four. Reuben Salazar, El Paso featherweight, decisioned Fred Raigoza, Wichita, four.

Pat McCafferty, handsome light-heavyweight from Topeka, returned to civilian life after three and one-half years in the Navy. Aboard the aircraft carrier, the *Enterprise*, this handsome Irish youth went through twelve major engagements in the Pacific. Only twenty-one years old, McCafferty has been undefeated since he made his professional debut. He went to the post seven times, winning five of them by the kayo route.

So long until next time. The writer's address, 704 Kansas Ave., Suite 306, Topeka, Kansas.

Behind the Scenes

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main bout fighters' rooms usually falls to Jack Sullivan and Happy Howard. Sullivan has acted as dressing room guard for Roy Rogers, the cowboy star of the screen, Sonja Henie, and many other notables in the world of entertainment and sports.

Inspector Meyer Rickover can be heard in the corridor calling, "Okay, third bout, third bout—come on, get your gloves on!"

The working press is usually peopled with writers from every important newspaper in the Metropolitan area, radio script writers and here and there a fistic celebbrity. The bout between Pete Mead, the Detroiter, in his first New York start, has ended in favor of Mead who has beaten Tommy Merrill in six rounds of good boxing. Now Commissioner Christianson stands up and calls to Harry Balogh, the announcer, "Frank Fullam, Harry, Frank Fullam." This signifies that Fullam is replacing Ray Miller as a referee, Ray having worked two bouts.

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ONELIO AGRAMONTE, hard-hitting Cuban lightheavyweight, is about to climb into the ring to box Henry Taylor, of Philadelphia. A boxing commission inspector is seated in each gladiator's corner to keep order and as each boy approaches the steps leading to the squared circle, the inspector examines the gloves, tapping them for "gimmicks" or other illegal concealments.

The fight between Agramonte and Taylor resolves itself into a futile chase on the Cuban's part as he attempts to catch up with his frightened adversary who took to his bicycle after sampling a few of Onelio's stinging wallops.

Most of the ringsiders head for the numerous concessions in the lobby for refreshments. An amiable, studious-looking chap named Fred Kanen is in charge of the Madison Square Garden concessions. Despite wartime and postwar shortages of such vital staples as sugar, meats, and syrups, the quality of merchandise served to the Garden clientele, whether at a fight, basketball game, or circus, has remained at its high level of purity and tastiness as in the days long before the war when, for example, six tons of frankfurters were purchased in the course of one week at a Six Day Bike Race.

Mr. Kanen hastens to impress listeners with the fact that Madison Square Garden Corporation operates its own concessions. Fred and his staff insist that every product offered the patrons be the best in its line. Only leading nationally known brands are carried and these goods all bear U. S. Government stamps of approval. Despite rising costs of commodities and the additional burden of higher wages and taxes the selling prices have not been increased.

A force of more than one hundred persons is required to conduct the foregoing business. The men in the concession department are a highly trained and efficient organization.

"How are the daily deliveries of vast stores of food and materials handled?" Mr. Kanen was asked.

"Well," Fred replied, "upon receipt at our commissary, every item is checked as to quality and quantity with the purveyor's agent. All goods are entered in a daily inventory. Every item is tabulated. Quantities of goods sold during the course of a year will total up to astronomical figures."

The Concession Department also publishes the Garden programs and handles the sale of all advertising space.

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BACK at the ringside, the bout between Oma and Walcott is about to get under way. Seat 32 is right below Walcott's corner. The fight which is history now was not too thrilling after Jersey Joe dumped Oma for a three count in the first frame. Up in the corner, one could hear the words of advice from Ray Arcel and Manager Vic Marsillo in the Negro's corner. "Joe, don't clown with the guy," Marsillo importuned. "This is Madison Square Garden! Go get him!"

The fight is over and the usual quiet of a loser's dressing room is prevalent in Oma's quarters. Lee does not seem too downhearted. Except for a bruised lip, caused by the overhand right that dropped him in the first round, Lee is unmarked. "Hey!" Oma cynically grins, "where are all the guys who used to come in here when I was winning?" Complete downcast silence is the answer. "Well," Lee continues, "I went the distance anyway." He heads for the shower.

Walcott's dressing room is filled with well wishers. Ike Williams, a native of New Jersey, comes in to congratulate Joe. The Negro veteran is humbly modest. Someone says, "You've sure come a long way since those $100 ten-round fights at Rockland Palace!"

Joe mutely acknowledges that this is true. A reporter asks what he thinks of Oma, and Walcott is quick to praise his opponent. "He is a tricky, shifty fighter," Joe opines. The last seen of Walcott he was emerging from the shower, taking more poundings on his back from friends than he took from Oma for ten rounds.

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THE Garden is almost empty now. A great pall of quietness permeates the huge, sprawling arena. Except for the click-click-click of the telegraphers' keys, the only sounds heard are the noises from the sweepers and the workmen who are dismantling the ring. Tomorrow night a huge benefit show is playing in the Garden.

Publicist Harry Markson stands by ready to answer any query from the scribes. Only one exit is open now as everything is put under lock and key. The alleyway leading to the 50th Street side of Madison Square Garden is crowded with employees waiting to punch their time cards. Their night's work at a boxing show completed, the staff is already planning for Saturday and Sunday evenings.

In the street a few fans still linger, discussing the fight, completely unaware of the multiple operations that made the show a success.

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through to the fifth round he had no recollection of fighting at all! His faithful pal and manager, Joe Smith, revealed that along about the ninth round, Loughran exclaimed, thinking it was the end of the first round: "That was a heck of a long round, Joe!"

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THE new year of 1946 already has brought many surprise thrills or sudden unique endings to numerous boxing contests. A pug in New England crosses a hard right to the jaw of his opponent. The latter reels, almost out, but suddenly he is the winner. Hub Parker, Newport, Vermont, light-heavyweight, has lost a tough one to Bill Sparks, of Nova Scotia, as he breaks his right hand on Bill's jaw!

In Troy, New York, Petey Virgin, a lightweight from Al Weill's stable of fighters, was busy pounding out a ten-round decision over Lou Prince of New Jersey, when lo and behold—midway in the battle he found himself facing not one, but two opponents! An irate spectator, objecting to something about Virgin's tactics, climbed into the ring prepared to do battle with the Schenectady slugger. Virgin obligingly catered to the fans and was pasting the daylights out of the intruder until police arrived to place the obstreperous customer in the comparative safety of the hoosegow.

Although Virgin went on to defeat Prince you won't, however eagerly you may scan the 1947 edition of Nat Fleischer's RING RECORD BOOK, find but one victory listed alongside the name of Petey Virgin at Troy, New York, on February 25, 1946.

Fluke Flings to the Jaw

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he sent for Lewis and said: "Well, he did what you told me he would do, Mr. Lewis."

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BOB FITZSIMMONS always finished his fights with one punch. Whenever Bob sent a man to the boards the man generally remained there. Corbett insisted, and many good judges who saw the fight at Carson do, too, that Jim lost through a lucky punch. Fitz wouldn't have it that way.

"Anytime I sent it over it was for keeps," declared Ruby Bob. "I always saw the hole in the other fellow's defence, and I knew every time that the fellow was a goner even while the blow was half way there. I waited patiently for a chance to pin Corbett with one, and it came. It wasn't luck, it was better workmanship, that's all it amounted to," was Fitz's answer to Corbett.

Jeffries nailed Corbett the same way in their New York fight. Jim jabbed James for 23 rounds to his heart's content, and suddenly Corbett was caught with a "lucky" punch. Corbett always maintained that it was a lucky shot, but Jeff declared that it was always coming, but that it took 23 rounds to get it over because of Corbett's shiftiness. John L. Sullivan never believed in the lucky punch business.

"Any time a fellow lands one of those lucky shots," John L. would say, "he shows his ability over the other fellow. Nothing lucky about connecting with a haymaker."

It has always been a source of wonderment to many students of the game how Bob Fitzsimmons succeeded in winning so many of his ring battles with so-called "chance" punches. The general impression has always been that Lanky Bob was so fast that the punch came like a bolt from the blue while the fellow who stopped it was taking time to change his mind.

"A man who has the reputation of being a dangerous puncher is always carefully handled, and if he does connect, then he has something in stock that the other fellow lacks," is the way Benny Leonard put it. "Terry McGovern always believed that Young Corbett took his title away with a 'fluke' punch. It took another fight and a beating to convince McGovern that there was real art in that first victory."

"There's no such thing as a lucky punch," is the consensus among the experts.

New Faces

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Newark, the starting spot for numerous ring greats, on February 25, 1946.

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JOEY BROCATO

THE Jacob Riis Settlement House on the lower East Side, a great deterrent to juvenile delinquency, has aided in the early development of many youngsters who later made their mark in professional boxing.

Joey Brocato, a 21-year-old lightweight with a sharp right hand wallop, is the latest Riis House graduate to the mitt sport. In contests Brocato has kayoed nine foes in eleven fights, and is undefeated.

Joey served with the 20th Armored Division from December 1943 to May 1946. He was wounded at Munich just eight days before the end of the war, but has made a grand comeback to take his place beside many other pugilists who received the Purple Heart. Brocato is managed by Stanley Joss.

Billy Smith, First Welter Champion

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encounter between Corbett and Fitzsimmons. The day was one of upsets, for not only did Green put Smith away in twelve rounds, but Fitzsimmons, when apparently beaten, suddenly turned and knocked Corbett out with a blow to the solar plexus.

On July 29, 1898, Smith had his revenge on Green, when after a terrific bout of twenty rounds at New York, he was awarded the decision on points. Previous to this second encounter with Green, Smith and Joe Walcott were brought together in a second bout, this time at Bridgeport, Conn., on April 14, 1898. This fight was a terrific affair and at the end of twenty rounds the honors were considered even.

When Smith, Walcott, Ryan and Matty Matthews were fighting in the welterweight ranks it was not unusual for contenders to fight a number of distance bouts in one year. Nowadays if a boxer goes through a bout of twenty rounds, you can rest assured that he will not repeat the performance for another year.

Less than a month after his hard fight with Green, Smith met the redoubtable Matty Matthews in the same ring in New York in which he had a few weeks previously defeated Green. At this time Matty was far less experienced than Smith, but still he managed to stay twenty-five rounds with the latter. The referee's decision, however, went to Smith, whose margin of victory was due to his aggressiveness.

Less than two weeks after he had defeated Matty Matthews, or, to be exact, on Sept. 5, 1898, at Coney Island, Smith faced the noted Andy Walsh in a twenty-round bout. The battle was a fast one and went the full twenty rounds, at the end of which the bout was declared a draw. A month later Smith went to Scranton, where he knocked out Jim Judge in ten rounds. Four days later at New York he fought Charley McKeever and at the end of twenty-five rounds was declared the winner. Hardly had he become rested up after this fight than he was pitted against Tommy West in a twenty-round battle at Bridgeport, Conn. This fight resulted in a draw.

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BEFORE the year of 1898 went out Smith met Joe Walcott for the third time. This fight was staged at Bridgeport on December 6, 1898. It went the limit of twenty-five rounds, and like their two previous encounters, resulted in a draw. Nothing in all his career proved the gameness and fearlessness of Smith more than his willingness to meet Walcott on any occasion that the Negro wonder desired any part of his game. While heavyweights in those days frequently dodged the issue with the "Giant Killer," Smith always welcomed the opportunity to get into the ring with him.

Smith started the year 1899 by knocking out Australian Billy Edwards in fourteen rounds, the bout taking place in New York on January 24. While 1899 was not so busy a one in the career of Smith, it was marked by twenty-round bouts with Charlie McKeever on two occasions and one with Andy Walsh. They all resulted in draws except the second encounter with McKeever, in which Smith was returned the winner. On January 15, 1900, at Buffalo, N. Y., Smith lost a decision on a foul to Rube Ferns in the twenty-first round.

After this defeat Smith suffered the second knockout of his career. This came at the hands of Matty Matthews of Brooklyn. This second fight between Matthews and Smith was fought in New York on April 17, 1900. The fight was a hurricane affair, and honors were about even up to the time that Matthews brought it to a sudden conclusion in the nineteenth round.

Although they had set a fast pace in every round both men came up strong for the nineteenth round. They had hardly gotten their hands up when Matthews threw a right over to the jaw. The blow dazed Smith, for it was landed with terrific force. Matthews, seeing the weakness of his opponent, whose knees began to sag,

set himself for the finishing blow. It came a moment later. Matthews stepped in at half-arm range and again let his right go. The blow landed flush on the point of the chin. Smith went down with a thud and was counted out. He was carried unconscious to his corner.

This defeat was a bitter pill to Smith, and was entirely unexpected by the sporting world. But Smith was still considered a topnotcher. Less than a month after his knockout at the hands of Matthews Smith again met Joe Walcott. This battle was staged at New York on May 4, 1900. Like all the previous bouts between this pair it was a terrific one every step of the way, with each man trying his best for a knockout. While Smith was beginning to show evident signs of going back, still in this battle he was able to last the twenty rounds with Walcott, who was now at the height of his career. The referee's decision, however, went to Walcott, who had inflicted the greater punishment.

On Sept. 14, 1900, Smith met Walcott again, but this time he was disqualified in the tenth round for foul tactics. This was the last meeting between Walcott and Smith. There is nothing in pugilistic history more interesting than the frequent bouts between Walcott and Smith. The many encounters between Leonard and Dundee and Ted Lewis and Jack Britton are often found worthy of note, but they were all pink tea affairs in comparison with the fights between Walcott and Smith, which were born of a grudge and were always for blood.

This last encounter with Walcott was really Smith's last important battle. His career was virtually at an end. When he did lay aside his gloves for all time he left behind him the reputation of a real fighter, although his aggressiveness often led him to run afoul of the rules of the game.

Resorts in Old New York

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attention. So she was easily the star attraction of Armory Hall, and those who failed to see her, went away and came again, and those who saw her, went and brought back others.

What she did would have been no more attractive than a week's wash out on the line, if it had not been for her beauty, her natural grace and an artistic instinct that would have made her a success as a theatrical performer if the opportunity had offered. For what she did then, a team, properly clothed, would receive $1500 a week. She got $2 a night and a certain number of drinks.

When the musicians were allowed a breathing spell, and the floor was cleared, a pair of stocky young fellows put on boxing gloves and gave an exhibition of three two-minute rounds that had been so well rehearsed that there was no possible chance of their hurting each other, no matter how hard they seemed to hit.

The waiters were just the same as the waiters today—aggressive, insistent and employed because of their ability to "mix it" with any customer who happened to be obstreperous, and because the drinks sold by McGlory were not of a very high grade this bunch of knuckle-pushers he gathered around him usually had their hands full, and never a night passed that there wasn't from two to twenty unruly patrons thrown out.

To be thrown out of Armory Hall meant something, too, more than the simple act of eviction, because there were forty or fifty steps to go down before the street was reached, and if a man was once properly started on his way he usually went the route without further assistance.

If, in crashing to the bottom, he was rendered unconscious, a grumbling heeler was sent down to drag him out and around the corner so that the blame for whatever injuries he received might not be laid at McGlory's door.

The clerical-looking Billy himself was not averse to taking a hand in a throw-out occasionally, especially if the quarrel was his own and he was personally aggrieved, and he has been known to hurl empty bottles with great accuracy and force if the occasion required it.

There was nothing in McGlory's appearance or makeup to suggest the fighter, and it required something out of the ordinary to get him in action but once underway he was there to stay, and it was better to fall afoul of the biggest bruiser in the bunch than to stack up against him in a row, for he was as merciless as Kid McCoy.

The patrons of the place were divided into two separate and distinct classes—sightseers and members of the half world.

These last included women of the night who paraded the Bowery and adjacent streets.

They were of the low class and on the downward drift to Chatham Square, from which the next move was to the workhouse on Blackwell's Island or the morgue.

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THERE was also a liberal sprinkling of thieves of all grades, from the trim, slim little pickpocket, dapper, deft and well dressed, soft of voice and manner; to the thick-set burglar, built like a bulldog and whose work savored of the bulldog's methods and style. A knockdown and drag-out sort of a fellow, who in a fight would make the chewing of the ear of his opponent the fruits of victory, and who usually bore the scars of many an encounter. One of the leaders of the mob was Bobby Hawthorne, who had lost the lower half of his left ear to a better man, and who was ingenious enough to have invented several new ways of parting people from their savings.

For this he is worthy of more than passing mention, so he will get it.

Through his thievery there ran a vein of humor, and stories of his exploits would have made good reading in the comic supplements.

One day he bought a second-hand high silk hat, and with two companions went into a grocery store owned by a thrifty Hollander. The trio were laughing so boisterously that for a moment the proprietor of the place gazed at them in amazement, and finally began to laugh himself at their contagious mirth.

"I've just made a funny bet," said Hawthorne, when he found his voice. "I bet these two fellows here that I would buy two quarts of molasses and carry it home in my hat."

Then he burst out laughing again.

"We bet he wouldn't," said one of the others, "because," and he took the grocer to one side, "because his hat cost $5, and even if he wins, the joke is on him; see?"

The grocer saw all right and began to laugh again.

"Here's my hat," said Hawthorne, handing it to him, "you put the molasses in it and I'll take it home all right."

So the honest Hollander did as he was told, poured the sticky fluid in and handed it, hat and all, back again.

Then came the argument about paying for it, and each one of the three insisted on handing over the necessary change. During the heat of the argument Hawthorne managed to slip behind the grocer, and in an instant a silk hat, full of molasses, was slapped on and pulled down to the Hollander's ears.

While the struggling man was trying to tear himself loose from the trap, his cash drawer was opened, cleaned out and the men were away. This trick was done so many times in different parts of the city that tradesmen began to look with suspicion upon men who wore silk hats.

Yet a man was reasonably safe in McGlory's, provided he was sober. If he was drunk and showed any evidences of wealth there was a chance, and a good one, too, that he would be followed out, if he wasn't lured out by a girl, and well cleaned up before he could cover that short block between the Hall and the Bowery.

It was a hunting ground for the girls, but not for the men, and these latter soon grew to look upon it as a resort rather than a field for operations.

Here they danced with their mistresses and spent the money they had gained, and here they were picked up quietly by Central Office detectives, whose work was made easier because young thieves like to dance. Many a crook has waltzed with a girl at McGlory's and then taken a short trip, which meant an absence of many years. And it was to McGlory's they always came on the first night of their freedom, where they renewed old acquaintances and went around the floor to the music of "White Wings" and "Sweet Violets."

The big light out in front blazed from ten o'clock at night until four in the morning, and was a beacon for many kinds of people.

Like Harry Hill's, the Bal Mabille, the Bowery bastile and other similar places, McGlory's was the visiting place of New York's fistic gentry.

McGlory's was the scene of many an impromptu fist fight and many were staged by the owner for the benefit of his patrons.

Billy McGlory was a spawn of the Five Points and was at one time captain of the Forty Thieves and other desperate mobsters. Unlike Harry Hill's and The Allen's, which at least carried an air of respectability, McGlory's was the lowest dive on the Bowery. It was a place of repulsive degeneracy rather than a gilded den of vice and those among the members of the fistic profession who were frequenters of this joint, were the has-beens and riff-raff of the boxing profession.

In later years, McGlory's became a respectable "tough joint," one that could be visited by the sight seeing public at least prior to midnight when the usual fist fights, shootings and stabbings got under way. After midnight, it was best to steer clear of McGlory's.

IN INDIANAPOLIS RINGS
By ANTHONY COPPI

COLION CHANEY, local 188-pounder, wants a shot at the state heavyweight title, which is held by Willard Reed, also of Indianapolis. Chaney, a hard-punching, hard-working belter, has appeared in local rings twenty-four times and has been defeated only five times in this city. Some of his victims in out-of-town rings have been such worthy opponents as Billy Grant, Willie Barrow, Al Hoosman, Clarence Brown, Clayton Worlds, Jimmy Bell and Buddy Knox. He won over Knox, Bell and Barrow by early round kayoes. Chaney is 24 years old and has had 60 pro fights.

Bob Simmons, 147, Indianapolis, outpointed Sparky Reynolds, 146, also of Indianapolis, in a blistering ten-round match for the state welterweight championship at the downtown Armory. Simmons won by a comfortable margin after having Reynolds down for a nine-count in the second round. Reynolds grew stronger as the bout progressed, even dropping Simmons at the bell ending the tenth round, but still he didn't overcome his opponent's early lead. The pair have met three times, all decisions going to Simmons.

Lee Carter of Indianapolis and Tom Woodard of Columbus, both heavyweights, battled to a six-round draw in the semi-windup. Carter took a count of one in the fifth round.

Another six-rounder between Freddie Tibbs, Columbus, and Bobby Fowler, Minneapolis, both welterweights, went to Tibbs in a close bout.

The preliminaries ended in knockouts, with Dan (Hair) Raisor, Indianapolis, handing the soporific punch to Garfield Foster, also of Indianapolis, in the first round of a heavyweight duel, and Buster Miles, Indianapolis welterweight, kayoed Dan Pinto, Columbus, in the second.

The state lightweight title is now held by Jimmy Joyce, Gary, Ind., since his fourth round knockout over Roy Lewis of Muncie, Ind., at Michigan City. Joyce weighed 134; Lewis, 134½.

The State Commission has now filled each division with a number one man. State champions in each weight follow: Willard Reed, Indianapolis, heavyweight; Al Johnson, Indianapolis, light-heavyweight; Arnold Deer, Indianapolis, middleweight; Robert Simmons, Indianapolis, welterweight; Jimmy Joyce, Gary, lightweight; Willie Jones, Gary, featherweight; Bill Cummings, Indianapolis, bantamweight; Tuffy Fairfield, Crawfordsville, flyweight.

Two popular Indianapolis belters, Al Johnson and Tommy Byron, squared off before a capacity crowd at the Armory to battle for the state light-heavyweight crown. Neither had tasted defeat in a pro ring and both are ex-GI's. Johnson, cool and determined, hammered Byron into a bloody, helpless mess in five rounds to win by a technical knockout. Byron was down twice in the first round from a vicious Johnson attack and withstood another savage attack in the third with the telling blow coming in the fifth, a pistonlike right to the body. Johnson, a short, sharp-punching youngster, was unmarked when Referee Dick Patton raised his gloved hand terminating a bruising battle.

Jimmy Sherron, Indianapolis, stopped Mickey Wilson, Detroit, in the fourth round of their scheduled six in the semi-windup. Sherron outweighed his opponent 10 pounds and had the better of it all the way.

Lee Carter, 173, Indianapolis, knocked out Bob Jackson, 179, Chicago, in the second round of a scheduled five-rounder. Carter had the Chicagoan down twice before the final count was tolled.

Buster Miles, 143, Indianapolis, won the decision over Ted Weems, 132, Chicago, in five rounds, and Dan (Hair) Raisor, 179, Indianapolis, won over John Weatherford, 185, also of Indianapolis, in four rounds.

Buddy Walker, Columbus, O., heavyweight, turned in his eighth consecutive win in as many starts here by trouncing Clarence Brown, 200-pounder of Detroit, at the Armory. Although not as effective as in previous bouts, Walker won by a good margin in a none-too-exciting bout. He seemed to coast along, rallying whenever it was necessary to stop Brown's rushes. There were no knockdowns.

Best scrap on the supporting card was a five-round heavyweight encounter between Dan Raisor and Al Sheridan, both Indianapolis boys. Raisor earned a narrow decision over his older opponent.

Buster Miles, Indianapolis welterweight, won easily from Bobby Fowler of Minneapolis in another six-rounder. Miles had a height and weight advantage and outpunched Fowler most of the way.

Leroy Scales, 181, Chicago, won from Jack Hill, 167, Bloomington, Ill., in the six-round semi-windup. Tiger Kiggans outpointed Bob Caine in the four-rounder. They are Indianapolis middleweights.

RING SCRAPS—Jack Cronin, manager of Bob Simmons, outstanding Indianapolis welterweight, is the owner of a meat market and restaurant in the Indianapolis City Market . . . . Lloyd Carter, Indianapolis boxing and wrestling promoter, recently returned from a pheasant hunt in South Dakota. After a week stalking the elusive ring-neck birds he bagged the limit . . . . Gene Simmons, Indianapolis light-heavy, and Kenny Vint, Kokomo, Ind., middleweight, are now campaigning on the West Coast. Vint won his first start there, while Simmons dropped two decisions . . . . Newt Ringer, secretary of the State Boxing Commission, will resume his duties as a basketball referee for Indiana high schools this winter . . . . Colion Chaney, Indianapolis heavyweight, and Al Johnson, light-heavy, were victorious in out-of-town rings during the month. Chaney won over John Hubbard in Dayton, while Johnson stopped Harold Hazlett in three rounds at Pittsburgh.

Tubby Thompson, a member of the Indianapolis Kautskys, a local entry in the National Professional Basketball League, was a former heavyweight boxing champion in the Southeastern Conference while attending Kentucky University. He is 6 feet 4 inches tall, weighs 215 pounds . . . . This corner's address is 1325 E. Tabor St., Indianapolis 3, Ind. . . . . The annual Golden Gloves tournament, which is co-sponsored by the Indianapolis *Times* and Bruce Robinson American Legion Post, will be held here on the nights of January 17, 24, 30, and February 7 and 14.

PROFILE (No. 17 in a series of interviews with local boxing personalities): Recent appointee to the referees' staff of the State Boxing Commission is Lou Thomas, former Indianapolis pro boxer. Thomas was granted a referee's license recently following his discharge from the U. S. Army. Although he has been the third man in the ring but a short while, he has proven to be extremely popular as well as turning in several good performances.

He was a former state heavyweight champion of Indiana, resulting from his first round knockout victory over K.O. Blackburn at Terre Haute. While in the service he was stationed at Fort Harrison, Ft. Custer and Camp Shanks as a military policeman and boxing instructor. At Camp Shanks he was a member of a troupe consisting of Joe Louis, Man Mountain Dean, Ruby Goldstein, Melio Bettina and Pete Scalzo. Their duties were to put on boxing shows, offer instruction and give talks before many interested GI's.

During his long boxing career (1936-46) he met many top-ranking heavyweights and was the opponent of Arne Anderson of Minneapolis when the latter died of a heart condition in the seventh round of their scheduled ten at Chicago. Thomas' last fight was against Nieman Hawes, whom he defeated, at New York. He operates a popular night spot in Indianapolis known as the Balkan Club, where many sports fans can be found. Judging from his few appearances in local rings, Thomas, with a bit more experience, should be one of Indiana's best ring referees.

CLEVELAND BOXING NEWS
By PHIL GOLDSTEIN

LARRY ATKINS and Bob Brickman presented one of the greatest boxing shows of all time at the Arena, November 6. Ray (Sugar) Robinson, 150, New York, knocked out Artie Levine, 159¼, Brooklyn, with only 19 seconds remaining of the last round of the ten-round feature. Sugar, winning clearly but always pressed, was almost kayoed in the fourth round. A left hook, followed by a right cross, both to the chin, put Sugar down and almost out.

Sugar arose unsteadily and called upon all his ring skill and stamina to last out the round. Artie's anxiety for a kayo contributed to his inaccuracy. It was Sugar's closest call to date. Sugar had several other close calls during the course of the evening. Artie's left hooks and resounding right crosses occasionally found their marks and with telling effect. Robinson's class and body punching were taking their toll from the heavier Levine as the bout progressed. Sugar started the tenth with knockout intent.

With the round about two minutes gone, Sugar paralyzed Artie with a right to the solar plexus. Then Sugar became a "killer," throwing punches with reckless abandon to both head and body with the result that Artie was beaten to the floor. He made a game but futile effort to arise at ten and just missed the count. Artie felt it had been a quick count, but the ten seconds had fully elapsed before Referee Jackie Davis awarded the fight to Robinson. Levine was one second too late.

Charley Padalino, 161, Detroit, won a split decision over Mike Birskovich, 159, Niles, in the ten-round semi-final. The fight was nip and tuck for the entire ten rounds, with the lead changing hands several times throughout the contest. Mike scored a one-second knockout in the fifth. The crowd vociferously booed the decision.

Leo Garrett, 136, defeated Oscar Wright, 138, New York, winning all but the second round of their interesting six-rounder.

Jerry Henninger, 158, New York, stopped Sonny Jordan, 160, Clearfield, Pa., in 47 seconds. Jordan was dropped by a series of rights to the jaw, arose groggily and was unable to continue.

Joe Discepoli, 136, Cincinnati, shaded Leroy Koeth, 136, in a four-rounder crammed full of action. A right to the jaw put Discepoli down for nine in the third.

Larry Johnson kayoed Alex Como, Youngstown, in the first. Como took an eight-count before bowing out.

This magnificent show was witnessed by 12,102 fans, who paid a gross gate of $83,171.00, surpassing the previous record for indoor gates set by Ed Bang's Christmas *News* Fund Show in 1944.

HERE AND THERE—Frankie Neal has renamed his gym, located on W. 25th Street, the Golden Gloves A. C. . . . . Jimmy Bloom, popular amateur lightweight, has returned from service and is taking physical education at Kent University . . . . Johnny Papke, well-known trainer, is in charge of conditioning Minneapolis' well-known featherweight, Jackie Graves . . . . The Cleveland colony of former fistic names is growing speedily in Los Angeles. Suey Welch, former manager of Champion Gorilla Jones; Jones, himself, Sparky Rudolph, Bill Miller, Frankie Van, Al Ziemer, Joe Kelly, Jack Tener, Avon brothers, Cleveland Jackie Wilson, Leroy Jackson and many others.

CANADIAN MARITIME NEWS
By C. W. STEELE

DUSKY DOUG CARTER, New Jersey, scored his fifth straight victory at the Glace Bay Forum when he decisioned Ernie Petrone, Philadelphia, in ten rounds. They are welterweights.

Ace McCloskey of Dartmouth won in ten rounds over Kid Chocolate of Boston at the Charlottetown Forum. They are middleweights.

Kid Howard, stocky Halifax lightweight, decisioned Isaac Thomas of Pictou over the ten-round route in New Glasgow.

In the semi-final six, Grant West copped the duke over Sparky Paris. They are welterweights. The Dinky Best and Kid Brown preliminary was declared no contest and Sheldon Campbell stopped Eddie Hale in the fourth.

Big Wallace McLeod of Sydney made his debut in the professional ranks with a sparkling display of ringcraft to outscore Gene Fowler, Halifax, in ten rounds in New Glasgow. They are heavyweights.

Bill Landry, Moncton's mauling middleweight, belted out rough and tough Herman Thompson, Saint John, in the second round at the Moncton Stadium.

Adam Dupuis of Saint John and Courtney Graham of South America clashed in the six-round semi-final with Dupuis being awarded the bout in the third. Frank Christiansen stopped the veteran Rid Hard in the opening round, and Til LeBlanc punched out Young Gatreau in the second.

Wallace McLeod of Sydney, fighting his second professional bout, stopped Bearcat Jackson, New Glasgow, in the fifth at New Glasgow. They are heavyweights.

In the semi-final six, Shell Campbell iced Billy McDonald in the second. Both are Pictou County welters. Two preliminaries rounded out the show. Reggie Myers, featherweight, decisioned Joe Belle Fontaine, and Ivan Borden, middleweight, iced Kid Brown in the first round.

Bill Landry, Moncton, won an unpopular decision over Bill Sparks, Amherst, in ten rounds at the Moncton Stadium. This bout was a rematch. A previous encounter was declared no contest in the ninth round. In the second ten, Buddy Jones, Montreal welter, decisioned Crosby Irvine, Saint John.

In the semi-final, Kid Hard, the Moncton veteran, and Adam Dupuis, Saint John, battled to a draw.

In the preliminaries, John Brogue stopped Nipper Wilson. Both are from Moncton. Rocky Jones decisioned Young Gatreau, and Kid Hart, Jr., drew with Young LeBlanc.

Duke Hodd, Saint John, iced Tommy O'Leary of Fredericton in the fourth of a scheduled ten-round bout at the Bathurst Rink.

In the semi-final, Clyde Cassidy of Chatham stopped Bill Williams, Saint John, in the first.

Wilfred Duval decisioned Len Johnstone in four. Arnold Blanchard outpointed Phil Pitre in three rounds. Doug Jennings scored over Paddy Cripps.

George Ross, New Waterford, decisioned Jim Pettie, Boston, in ten torrid rounds at the Glace Bay Forum. They are welterweights. Jimmy Upshaw, Halifax, decisioned Red McPherson, New Waterford (middleweights). Tony Odo, New Waterford, stopped Tom Jeffries, Winnipeg.

Bill Landry, Moncton, stopped Blackie Noel, Ontario, in a bruising battle at the Saint John Forum. The bout, scheduled for the ten-round feature attraction, ended in the fifth.

The British Boxing Board of Control has made a move in the right direction with the announcement that a new deal looms for boxers throughout the Commonwealth and with the Empire titles elevated to greater prestige. Good boxers will be given the opportunity to fight for the Empire title. Canadian Johnny Greco and Australian Vic Patrick are two examples of fighters who are worthy of a shot at the crown.

Correction: Benny Woods, Saint John, stopped Leo Methot, Montreal, in 15 seconds, not 20 seconds, as previously stated.

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IN CHICAGO
With GENE ENGEL

A FORTHCOMING lightweight champion in the making—that is what agile Johnny Bratton, sleek Negro, proved in his astonishing ten-round triumph over experienced Willie Joyce of Gary, Ind., in the Chicago Stadium, which was witnessed by approximately 8,700 fans for a gross of $40,000.

The first two rounds were even and very fast. In the third round, Willie maneuvered Bratton into a neutral corner and attacked relentlessly.

Bratton edged out the Gary Hoosierite in the fourth and the fifth stanzas, two lively sessions.

In the eighth heat, the Chicagoan boxed beautifully. He shifted to a southpaw stance and punched Joyce frequently.

The tenth and final chapter of this great bout was won by Bratton, who won the round and the fight.

The semi-windup bout scheduled for six rounds was won by Willard Coffey over Sammy Cicerello, who dropped his hands too often and caught many a wallop on the jaw because of this.

Leon Thompson, Evarts, Ky., middleweight, meted out a pasting to hard-hitting Charley Busalacchi, Milwaukee, Wis., 150-pounder, in six rounds.

Gene Joyce, youngest of the fighting Joyce brothers, met a Tartar in Bill Tierney, Cleveland, O., 140½-pounder, who gained a draw against his taller opponent in a six-rounder.

Jack Ballangee fought an exciting six-round draw with game Tom Kiddy, 151½, Detroit. Ballangee was bleeding profusely at the finish but was punching for all he was worth.

In the opening six-round affair, Lee Jones, Philadelphia welterweight, defeated Robert Weatherly.

Elmer Ray, contender for world heavyweight champion Joe Louis' laurels, made a stop here and flattened Georgie Parks in what was scheduled as a ten-round headliner at Ben Zenoff's Rainbow Fronton. The show grossed $5,225, which was very profitable for the promoter. The finish came in the third.

Leon Thompson, Evarts, Ky., middleweight, won over Buddy Madison, 147, Detroit. Dave Colquitt, Gary light-heavyweight, knocked out Clem Calhoun in the opening stanza. Tim Dalton, Chicago lightweight, stopped Louis Owens of Chicago's South Side in two rounds. Odell (Kid) Mack, Philadelphia heavyweight, put the crusher on Bill Zaier of Chicago in one round, and Ray Cervantes, Santa Barbara, Calif., welterweight, and George Sheppard of Gary fought to a five-round standstill.

Eddie Lander, highly-touted West Side lightweight, lost a thrilling ten-round split verdict to Doll Rafferty, Milwaukee favorite, in the Brewery City, home of Rafferty. Lander was the aggressor all the way, but couldn't connect with sufficient telling blows.

Marigold Gardens Arena—Chuck Hunter, Cleveland welterweight, floored Art Brown of Chicago twice in the third round for counts of nine and one, respectively, and won convincingly over the South Side Chicagoan in the eight-round feature attraction.

Rubin Meyers, Chicago middleweight, defeated Isadore Miner, South Side Negro, in a four-rounder. Elmo Barnes, Detroit middleweight, knocked out Luther Brent in the fourth round. Ralph Franzen, Milwaukee lightweight, defeated Henry Vera, Chicago, in four. Jack Parks, Detroit middleweight, won over Johnny Crane in five. Charley Lester, Cleveland, O., heavyweight, shellacked Tommy McVey, Philadelphia, Pa., heavyweight, in another five-rounder.

Wray Carter, Chicago lightweight, was awarded a unanimous eight-round decision over Joey Belfiore, Philadelphia 135-pounder, in a Rainbow Fronton wind-up. Carter, who weighed 131¼ pounds, held a decisive margin throughout the contest.

In the semi-windup, Willard Coffey, Charleston, W. Va., lightweight, knocked out George Wolyska, Milwaukee, in the first.

The remaining four contests also ended in knockouts. Sammy Davis, 145 pounds, from Chicago, stopped Louis Owens, 154, in the third. George Sheppard, Gary 147-pounder, kayoed Mickey McMillen, Milwaukee, in two. Dave Colquitt, 163½, Gary, stopped Willie Coleman of Chicago in one frame. Con Perli, Milwaukee lightweight, knocked out Al Barituso, 132 pounds, in one round.

Bobby O'Dowd has two good fighters in Chicago, Bill Tierney, Cleveland welterweight, and Willie Covington, San Diego light-heavy.

Rainbow Fronton—Gene Burton, New York lightweight, scored an upset when he belted out Tommy Campbell, Rock Island lightweight, in the ninth frame. Campbell had previously chalked up 11 straight victories.

Tim Dalton, Chicago lightweight, defeated Carleton Ayres of Gary in five rounds. Ray Cervantes, Santa Barbara, Calif., stopped Sammy Davis, Chicago 147-pounder, in one round. Henry Johnson, Chicago heavy, halted Bill Zaier in four rounds. Eric Anderson, Chicago, stopped Con Perli, Milwaukee lightweight, in three heats, and Jimmy Holmes of Gary spilled Howard Harris of Chicago for the count in one round. They are welterweights.

Marigold Gardens—Gene Joyce, Gary, knocked out Al Gaulteri, Washington, Pa., protege of Sammy Angott, in the first round with a terrific left hook to the body.

In companion eight-rounders, Bill Parsons, Danville, Ill., smashed his way to a victory over Torpedo Reed in eight rounds; Pete Bolos, Detroit Greek featherweight, stopped Roy (Red) Grant in three rounds; Gene Spencer halted Pat Kelly, also of Detroit, in three cantos, and John Grady defeated Jimmy Robinson in the five-round opener.

Chuck Hunter, Cleveland puncher, has stopped fighting as a welterweight and has entered the middleweight ranks. In his first middleweight battle, he scored a three-round knockout over courageous William Johnson at the Marigold Gardens Arena.

John Grady of Gary won in six over Pete Bolos of Detroit. Charles Lester subdued his heavyweight opponent, William Brown, from Detroit, Mich., in the third round. Willie Covington planted a left hook on the chin of Nick Stokes, knocking the Detroit giant through the ropes for the fatal toll in round one. Covington weighed 170 to Stokes' 160 pounds.

Vic Leonard, Chicago middleweight, scored a two-round knockout over Don White, also of Chicago, and Bobby LaLonde of Detroit was stopped in 53 seconds of the third round by Henry Vera.

Rainbow Fronton—Casey Jones, New York middleweight, stopped Joe Reddick of Paterson, N. J., in the sixth round.

Bobby James, 165, also of New York, broke even with Elmo Barnes, 165, of Detroit, in six rounds.

James Edward, Chicago middleweight, knocked out Tom Klymyk, Detroit, in one round. Todd Tate, fancy Chicago heavyweight, knocked out Odell (Kid) Mack of Philadelphia, in two heats. Leroy Carlson, Chicago junior lightweight, defeated Bobby LaLonde of Detroit in four rounds, and Mitchell Walton of Gary stopped Bobby Berrigan, Milwaukee featherweight, in the first round.

In the concluding show of the month Buddy O'Dell won out in a sloppy eight-round contest at the Marigold Gardens from Billy Bengal, who had previously upset O'Dell.

The best fight of the card was won by "Doc" Williams, rangy South Side light-heavy, who beat Willie Covington at the end of five rounds.

Rubin Meyers, North Side middleweight, came from behind, despite a cut right eye, and hammered out a win over Tommy Varsos of Milwaukee.

Pat Kelly of Detroit and "Tiger" Ted Weems of Chicago did little in their four rounds of battling, and this was called a draw.

Johnny Flannagan, who fought Joey Maxim a ten-rounder and was stopped by O'Dell Riley on two occasions, returned to the squared circle after a retirement of 18 months. Flannagan won a close verdict over Leroy Scales in five rounds.

Eric Anderson, Chicago lightweight, and Sander Simmons of Milwaukee fought a slashing four-round draw in the opener.

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WAY UP IN NEW HAMPSHIRE
With RALPH G. PELOQUIN

INDOOR boxing is in full swing down-state, but in Berlin, N. H., Promoter John Giardini is still trying to find a suitable arena.

The weekly battles at the Recreation Center of Manchester are well attended. Unfortunately, the bout between Tippy Larkin of Garfield, N. J., and Broadway Johnny Jones of New York City was declared a "no-contest" by Referee Johnny Harko, who just previous to that bout had called off the semi-windup, also a "no-contest." Then, Johnny Harko, a well-known former boxer and for the past several years identified with the ring game, informed the newspapers that he was "all through" as a referee. Here's the ref's statement: "In all my 20 years around fighters, Tuesday's performances were the worst I have ever seen," and added, "I am all done refereeing. I don't want any part of it. I will be a paying spectator from now on."

Another "Desmarais" is making a name for himself in rings throughout New England. He is Oliver Desmarais of Manchester, N. H., and that's even the same city from which the other popular French-Canadian, Florient Desmarais hails.

When Marcel Cerdan fights at the Madison Square Garden he will make an almost instant hit with the fans of this country, win or lose. That's my prediction, having seen the North African Frenchman from Algeria in action on three different occasions during the war. At the time, Cerdan was in the French Navy and he met all the U.S. forces had to offer. I was in Johnny McCoy Hale's corner when he was bowled over in two rounds. Hale is a rugged kid from Corpus Christi who was very willing, but no match for the fighting Frenchman. Then came Larry Cisneros. He put up a good battle, but Cerdan's superior ring ability and "savoir faire" was too much for the California U.S. Army representative and he bit the dust in six rounds. Then in Algiers he easily won the Inter-Allied championship.

Jimmy McLarnin, 136, New Bedford, knocked out New Hampshire's Tommy Wells, 137, Manchester, in the third round at Salem, Mass., North Street Arena.

Fight results at the Recreation Center, Manchester—Main bout: Walter Cabey Lewis, 131, Havana, Cuba, avenged a previous defeat at the hands of Georgie Knox, 125, of Newark, N. J., by taking a unanimous decision from the latter in a ten-round main feature.

Maurice Cloutier, 159, of Manchester, earned a decision over Johnny Mara, 159, Boston. The other six-rounder featured Jackie Perkins' return to a Manchester ring as the 128-pound Worcester boxer won over hard-socking and courageous Buddy Lessard of the Queen City, who is quite a favorite and tips the scales at 135 pounds.

Other results: Jack Spider Armstrong, 130, Toronto, Ont., decisively defeated Freddie Polowitzer, 133, Hartford, Conn., in ten rounds. Later, Florient Desmarais in another main bout at the Center, gained a close decision over Jimmy McLarnin, 136, of New Bedford.

Jimmy Dinardo and Edgar K.O. (East Side Kid) Perrault are two up-and-coming prospects of Berlin, N. H., having fought and won all their recent fights. With Eddie Desilets and Paul Junior to help them they should go a long ways. The thing which makes the boys click so well, is their terrific punching power.

A Cascade, N. H., battler who is doing fine work up in the White Mountain region and in the Pine Tree State is Johnny Donato. His most recent victory was over Eddie George, 135, Waterville, Me. Johnny knocked out George in the second round. Donato weighed 133.

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CANADIAN TOPICS
By LAWSON BAMPTON

DANNY WEBB made his first postwar hometown appearance an auspicious one by capturing the Canadian lightweight crown from Dave Castilloux in a 12-round bout at the Forum. It was a surprising upset as Castilloux was favored at 1 to 4. The gate was approximately $13,000, a little better than expected, though not comparable to the Greco-Castilloux $50,000 and the Mell-Castilloux $27,000 gates. Castilloux came in heavier than usual, appeared too overconfident in the first few rounds, then showed little fight from the fifth round on, staying on the defensive against Webb's continual two-fisted aggressiveness.

Promoter Raoul Godbout staged a fair supporting card, the two best bouts being the eight-round semi-final in which Johnny Bouffard outbattled Benny May in a slashing setto that bristled with action from start to finish, with May nearly scoring a knockout in the hectic final heat, and the opening four-rounder, in which Marcel LaChappelle, promising local youngster, shaded flashy Jerry Lavigne.

Harry Hurst repeated his previous close victory over Lenny (Boom-Boom) Mancini in the ten-round main event of Promoter Al Foreman's Forum offering. This time Hurst got off to a good start, flooring Mancini in the first heat, but Mancini came along to make a garrison finish that had many questioning the decision.

The two eight-round semi-finals were hard fought. Hubert Gagnier impressed with his two-fisted punching to score a close one over Walter Cabey Lewis, who did not open up quite enough and failed to follow up sufficiently. In the other, Len Wadsworth, Canadian middle champ, failed to impress in a close, questionable win over Jimmy Taylor, Negro Philadelphian.

Correction: In our last issue we had Bill Sparks stopping Wadsworth in seven rounds. The true result is that Wadsworth kayoed Sparks in two heats.

A spicy, hard-hitting middleweight six-rounder was served up on the Hurst-Mancini card when Guy De Roy got off the floor in the second round to outpunch Fernand Demers, whom he floored in the fifth. Demers had a tough time to last out the sixth heat, and announced his retirement after the bout.

STRAY SHOTS—Louis Alter scored a close win over Clint Miller, clever Negro boy from Newark, in the ten-round Coliseum feature . . . . the decision got a mixed reception as Miller seemed to have a bit the better of the exchanges . . . . Alter scored a knockdown that likely swung the verdict his way.

DENVER AND VICINITY
By W. G. (BILL) THOMAS, JR.

THE Rocky Mountain Association of the Amateur Athletic Union presented its monthly A.A.U. show in the City Auditorium on October 9. One of the largest crowds of the year turned out to see the ten-bout program.

In the best bout on the card Lyle Anderson, the undefeated welterweight, received his first setback, when he was stopped by Henry Henderson, Lowry Field slugger. Henderson was knocked down in each of the first two rounds. He made a great comeback in the third and final round to K.O. Anderson.

Pistol Pete Albright, Negro promoter of amateur fights, gave the Five Point fight fans a good show in the Glenarm Y.M.C.A., October 29. The card featured Lowry Field and Denver boxers. In the feature, Louis Ramirez, Denver welterweight, stopped Edgar Thomas, Lowry Field, in the second round. Promoter Albright is planning on running semi-monthly shows at the Glenarm "Y."

The Veterans' Athletic Club had its Diamond Gloves tournament at the Rollordrome on Nov. 6, 7, 8, and 9. The Veterans' Athletic Club operates a beautiful gym for Denver's youth. The gymnasium is free to all boys who wish to learn the manly art of self defense. The V.A.C. athletic director and promoter is the youthful Champ Thomas, veteran promoter of over a hundred service boxing shows while overseas in the U. S. Navy. Thomas plans to run weekly amateur shows at North Denver's Rollordrome Arena during the winter season.

There were no professional boxing shows in Denver during the month. The pro boxers had to journey elsewhere to get work. James J. Cox has moved to Houston, Texas, where he has been making a big hit. Ted Garcia traveled to Topeka, Kansas, where he disposed of Bill Cornelius in the third round. Joe Danos, a recent graduate from the amateur ranks, has been making the grade in Omaha.

Professional boxing came back to Denver on December 5, when Champ Thomas presented an all-star card in the City Auditorium.

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NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By BROADWAY JOHNNY COX

JOCK LESLIE, Flint, Mich., fourth ranking contender for Willie Pep's featherweight title in the December issue of this magazine, evened the score with Jose (Baby) Gonzales, Gus Wilson's Los Angeles, Cal., Mexican cutey, when he won a ten-round decision over Leslie at Flint, Michigan, on November 4.

Leslie faced Gonzales in a ten-round bout staged by Promoter Louis Messina and Matchmaker Lew Raymond at the Municipal Auditorium here on October 16 and lost the decision. Gonzales can make any fighter look bad with his awkward style.

Judge Patsy Boyle voted Leslie the winner awarding Jock five rounds, four for Gonzales and one even. I agreed with Boyle's score giving Leslie seven rounds, three for Gonzales and one even. Leslie earned the fight on his aggressiveness and body punching but lost the verdict, nevertheless.

Manager Lester Krell is anxious for a return go over the 12 or 15-round distance in New Orleans.

Nava Esparza, Charley Johnston's smart Mexican welterweight, made his debut here on November 4, defeating Sammy Adragna, Pittsburgh, Pa., welterweight with ease. Esparza won eight of the ten rounds. Promoter Heard Ragas staged the show at the Coliseum arena which drew $3161.34 net.

Chester Rico, Jack Barrett's New York welterweight, won a close disputed ten-round decision over Leo Rodak at the Municipal Auditorium on October 28. Promoter Louis Messina and Matchmaker Lew Raymond staged the Rico-Rodak fight.

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Manager Nate Lewis, famous Chicago, Ill., pilot, made the trip here with Leo. Leo has slowed up at the age of 33. He has lost the speed which once made him a formidable contender for the featherweight and lightweight titles.

Charley Hayes, Detroit, Mich. middleweight, gave local Louis Rousse, a one-sided boxing lesson in their ten-rounder staged by Promoter Ragas at the Coliseum Arena, October 25. Hayes, a former star Golden Glover, knows the score.

Hayes has plenty of class and it will take a much better fighter than Rousse to give him trouble. Hayes is a busy boxer and a good body belter. Hayes won every round of the ten-rounder.

Birmingham Ben Montabano held Sammy Adragna, Pittsburgh, Pa., to a ten-round draw at the Coliseum Arena on October 21. Referee Ashton Donza, Judges Johnny Galway and Tuck Fraley all voted for a draw. Adragna rallied in the final rounds to earn the draw. The net gate was $3949.20.

Johnny Bratton, Chicago, Ill., Negro lightweight, halted Richard (Young) Polite's comeback climb in the third round of a ten-round all Negro fistic card staged by Promoter Louis Messina at the open air Pelican Stadium on October 18. Bratton won the opening round boxing skillfully, lost the second and dropped Polite twice in the third heat when his handlers heaved in the laundry.

The Bratton-Polite show drew a net gate of $6158.71 and a profit for Promoter Louis Messina.

Pot Shots—Irish Jimmy Webb, Houston, Tex., light-heavyweight champion of the Lone Star State, kept up his good work here by knocking out Jim Smith, Birmingham, Ala., heavyweight, in the third round of their six-rounder on the Jock Leslie-Baby Gonzales card. Webb conceded Smith 18 pounds. It was Webb's second straight kayo win here. Jimmy previously stopped Luther Ward in six chapters.

Johnny Fisse, former bantamweight star, has a new preliminary idol here in "Red" Holt, local four-round boy who is a favorite with the gallery gods. If nursed along by Fisse, Holt may develop into a fighter. He is constantly throwing punches.

Harry Weekly, Alliance, Ohio, plans on moving here when he is discharged from the Merchant Marine. Weekly was a big drawing card in local rings.

Emile Bruneau has been licensed as a promoter. In 1947 Bruneau announces he will stage two shows per month. Fighters, managers, promoters and matchmakers desiring information on local boxing should address this writer at the DeSoto Hotel, New Orleans, La.

TAMPA AND VICINITY
By VELASQUES

JACK LARRIMORE, 143, Miami, surprised by winning a ten-rounder from tough Bobby Britton, 151, Miami, but in his next start at Fall River, Mass., he was stopped in three rounds by Charlie Fusari.

Elmer Ray, now a leading contender for heavyweight honors, had little trouble in stopping Earle Lowman in two rounds and George Parks in three rounds.

Miami—Vince Gambill, 146, knocked out Johnny Jay, 149, Miami, in three rounds and in his next start he won over Clarence King in a ten-rounder.

Buddy Rose, Tampa, and Cleve Baily, New Jersey, were tossed out of the ring after four dull rounds of waltzing in Syracuse.

Chico Morales, Tampa, defeated Jackie Callura, Memphis, in a ten-rounder at Binghamton.

Jose Garcia Alvarez, sensational Spanish welter now fighting in Havana, added Bobby Britton, Miami, to his list of victims in a ten-rounder. Alvarez may soon show in Tampa.

Lee Sala continued to slash his way through all opposition as he knocked out Ralph Morina in three rounds. Sala is undefeated since turning pro and is now ready for the top notchers from the East who make Florida their stamping grounds during the winter months. . . . Baby Joe Diaz, Tampa, swarmed all over Joey Wasnick, Conn., to stop him in five rounds. Diaz is a classy polished fighter. . . . Ernest Nogues, Tampa, upset the hard hitting Pee Wee Flores, Tampa, only to wind up getting a draw. Tony Rojas, Tampa, scored a knockout over Paul Rojas, Tampa. . . . Dallas Woods knocked out Ray Rockne in the four-round opener.

Young Chino Alvarez, nephew of Chino Alvarez, showed plenty of class in stopping Orlando Fernandez, Havana, in seven rounds. Raul Moran, Havana, was fed a soft one in Kid Baisden who lasted just three rounds. Moran's awkward style is still a puzzler for his opponents who have yet to solve his ring tactics. . . . Manny Gomez and Johnny Dupree meeting for the third time put up a whale of a scrap that went to Dupree by a slight shade. Gomez had twice defeated Dupree. . . . Johnny North had a close call in his bout with Eddie Bennett, but managed to put across the crusher in the second round. . . . Austin Waters, with a good left jab and a knowledge of how to use the ropes, won easily over Ray Hake in the four-round opener.

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By SELSSO TIBORRO

OCTOBER was a successful month both as to gates and fights. Every Wednesday and Saturday there was a boxing card at El Coliseo. The fighter of the month was Luis Arguelles, 136, a lanky baby-faced boy with a good punch in both hands. He got up to knock out Kid Filipino, a more experienced boy, after having been floored several times by his enemy. Then drew with Paulino Montes, also a good prospect, in ten. In our opinion, however, Montes was the winner.

Results were: Oct. 2—Luis Arguelles, 136, knocked out Kid Filipino, 136, in three rounds. Regino Aguila, 142, knocked out Enrique Lopez, 141, in four.

Oct. 5—Max Perez, 133, former lightweight champion of France, outpointed Pedro Ortega, 135, in ten. Manuel Rivera, 132, outpointed Pancho Saucedo, 134, in ten.

Oct. 9—Baby Mickey, 118, won a decision over Armando Puentes Pi, 118, a Cuban Negro, on a disqualification in the ninth. Villita de Juarez, 129, decisioned Ernesto Gallardo, 128, in ten.

Oct. 12—Tony Mar, 136, lightweight champion of Mexico, knocked out Saul Torres, 132, in four. Babe Leonard, 135, a Cuban Negro, was outpointed by Benjamin Prado, 134, in ten.

Oct. 16—Luis Galvani, ninth bantam of the world, a Cuban boy, decisioned Jorge Robles, 116, in ten. Chilindrina Valencia, 121, decisioned Manuel Rivera, 125, in ten.

Oct. 19—Paulino Montes, 136, drew with Luis Arguelles, 136, in ten. Villita de Juarez, 130, decisioned Tony Becerra, 127, in ten.

Oct. 23—Saul Torres, 131, outpointed Max Perez, 132, in ten. Felipe Rodriguez, 134, also outpointed Regino Aguila, 138, in a ten-rounder.

Oct. 26—Leonardo Lopez, featherweight champion of Mexico, drew with Ernesto Aguilar, bantamweight champion of Mexico, in ten. Baby Mickey, 116, decisioned Luis Reyes, 113, in ten.

Oct. 30—Raul Bustamante, 134, outpointed Aurelio Cruz, 133, in ten rounds. Kid Filipino, 136, knocked out Zarcillo Sanchez, 135, in the fifth round of the semifinal event.

IN FLINT, MICHIGAN
By PAUL DORAN

FLINT, MICHIGAN—Promoter Tommy Cussans, less than ten months out of the Army, continued his all-out campaign to put Flint, Michigan, on the fistic map with his 11th successful show. In his latest venture some 5400 fans turned out to see Jock Leslie, Flint featherweight and world's fourth ranking contender, punch out a clean-cut decision over Jose Baby Gonzales of Los Angeles, in ten rounds.

Jock took the "duke" with a good deal to spare as he swept out from the opening bell to belabor the shifty Mexican with a fierce two-fisted attack. With Jock at his best, the outcome was never in doubt.

The Flint boys' victory squared accounts for a loss at the hands of Gonzales in New Orleans a month earlier. However, on the strength of their second showing, it is difficult for this reporter to understand how Gonzales could have outpointed Jock in their first meeting.

In the supporting card, Bob Amos, 178, Detroit, knocked out John McCarthy, 185, Milwaukee, in the first round; Clem Custer, 135, Detroit, knocked out Young Maxwell, 135, Milwaukee, in the first round; Angie Soave, 131, Detroit, knocked out Danny Boy Woods, 131, Saginaw, in the first round, and Buddy Hodnett, 159, Detroit, outpointed Bob Flanagan, 161, Toronto, in four.

Cussans, who rose through the infantry ranks from a private to a major, paid off on a gross gate of $9354 on his latest fight. This, however, was several hundred dollars below his best take for on August 16, Jock and Willie Anderson, Detroit, drew a gross of $12,293.90. That night, Jock dropped Anderson in the fifth round to win the Michigan title.

In other fights here, Leslie outpointed Jose Aponte Torres, Puerto Rico, and drew a house of 4500 fans with a gross take of $9639.60, and knocked out Clem Rodriquez, also of Puerto Rico, before a house of 4000 fans, who paid a gross of $6000.

In two other recent programs, Bill Eddy, Flint lightweight, has scored well with fans as well as at the box office. Bill knocked out Bobby McQuillar of Port Huron, Michigan, in the first round to grab off the Michigan lightweight crown. This show grossed approximately $6700, while even more recently he drew with Eddie Prince, Detroit. This fight grossed $5000.

Recently Detroit newspapermen pointed out Flint as Michigan's No. 1 fight town, basing their conclusion on the fact that three of Cussans' shows grossed more than eight Detroit shows, including attractions at Detroit's huge Olympia.

NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS
By BILL DAVEE

JIMMY WEBB, veteran Houston light-heavy, encountered little difficulty in deflating the bubble of young Ben Johnson, home-town rival youngster. Johnson, who had run up an impressive string of knockouts the past year against mediocre opposition, froze up completely against the hard-hitting Webb. Webb looked very good and appears to be making a most successful comeback.

Tony Elizondo, the Corpus Christi clouter, proved once again that he was the master of Paul Altman. He took a rather easy decision over the twelve-round route with Elizondo's state middleweight title at stake.

Mrs. Maureen Moore, who is proving the most progressive boxing commissioner this State has ever had, showed that she really has the interests of boxing at heart when she called a meeting of all the promoters to join with her in discussing changing and adding various rules and regulations and other topics for the betterment of the sport. A number of worth-while suggestions were made and the meeting was a real success.

Orchids are also in order for Mrs. Moore's chief inspector, Armour Steuart, who presided at the session.

Five new promoters, Fred Lerma of Brownsville, Romulo Castillo, Harlingen; Louis Nathan, Port Arthur; Arvis Woodring, Amarillo, and Phil Flake, Galveston, made their bows during the month and all report fair turnouts. We welcome these men to the fraternity, and wish them lots of success.

Martin Zuniga, who purchased the interests of the writer in San Antonio, ran afoul of a lot of bad luck on his very first show, which featured Tony Mar, Mexican lightweight champion, and Carlos Malacara, also of Mexico. The boys put on such a slow bout that the referee declared it no-contest in the eighth.

Glove Gossip—Jack Thurmond, former manager of George Salvadore and other good boys, is back in the boxing game. . . . Eddie Bertolino, classy young Galveston lightweight, is a terrific hit in his home town. He turned in three great scraps during the month, best of which was a six-round knockout over Manny Ortega, state featherweight champ.

Texas boxing results for October:

At Houston—Bobby Dykes, 131, decisioned Eloy Renteria, 125, four. E. Agapion, 133½, decisioned Juan Zapata, 135½, six. Herschel Wallace, 135, decisioned Fernando Siosa, 130, six. Chucho Llanes, 131½, and Milton Frazier, 139, drew, six. Jimmy Webb, 171, decisioned Ben Johnson, 166½, ten. Champion!

At Brownsville—Henry Devens, 130, decisioned Jesus T. Mendoza, 130, four. Raul Reyna, 125, kayoed Jose Sierra, 122, three. Lorenzo Contreras, 130, T.K.O.'ed Francisco Gaytan, 130, four. George Bennett, 160, kayoed Francisco Lozano Castillo, 158, one. Alexandro Garcia, 130, decisioned Juan Castillo, 130, ten.

At Galveston— Joey Balta Robinson, 148, kayoed Kenneth Richardson, 150, two. Roy Guerra, 137, T.K.O.'ed George Culp, 136, two. Roman Martinez, 135, kayoed Eddie Stout, 135, four. Harry Lassain, 135, decisioned Harold Moore, 133, ten. Eddie Bertolino, 139, T.K.O.'ed Harold Jackson, 130, six.

At Laredo—Francisco Garcia Gomez, 145, decisioned Francisco Ramirez, 150, six. Matias Ruiz, 128, kayoed Federico Giron Ortiz, 135, four. Juan Sanchez, 145, kayoed Jose Padron, 148, three.

At El Paso—Pablo Zamora, 110½, and Juan Torres, 115, drew, four. Pedro Ibarra, 133, T.K.O.'ed James Enopia, 130, four. Lloyd W. Williams, 129, and Manuel Mauro, 130, drew, four. Richard Smith, 164, kayoed Jose Lozano, 161, four. Hector Marquez, 115, decisioned Perez Romero, 115½, six. Adolfo Quijano, 175, kayoed Francis Ogg, 176, six.

At Houston—Roy Guerra, 134, and George Perez, 126, drew, four. Joe Robinson, 134, decisioned Eloy Renteria, 134, four. Bobby Woods, 139, decisioned E. Agapion, 134, six. Tommy Charles, 167½, kayoed Ocie Dearing, 163½, seven. Luis Albarran, 130½, decisioned Gordon House, 134, ten.

At Dallas—R. T. Brantley, 152, T.K.O.'ed Sid Miller, 144, four. Arlo Ray, 143, decisioned Abner Bedingfield, 142, four. Buddy Shumway, 164, kayoed Chuck Benson, 161, three. Bert Linam, 153, T.K.O.'ed Archie Van Sickle, 159, two. Howell Steen, 146, T.K.O.'ed Lou Flyer, 142, six.

At Houston—Robert Sanders, 125, decisioned Alfred Moore, 131, four. Asberry C. Robinson, 161, T.K.O.'ed Michael Lytell, 158, three. Frank Cockrell, 137, and Albert Bernard, 134, drew, six. Albert Spaulding, 188, kayoed T. M. Mark, 175, two.

At Harlingen—Guillermo Ramirez, 125, decisioned Hermilo Gonzales Garcia, 125, three. Juan Gaulardo, 110, kayoed Filberto Vasquez, 108, four. Roberto Esquibel, 120, kayoed Jose Sierra, 118, one. Enrique Garcia, 134, decisioned Jesus M. Moreno, 128, ten. Ricardo Inrique, 125, kayoed Chino Contreras, 125, two.

At Houston—Julius Grimes, 128, kayoed Robert Sanders, 127, two. George Perez, 126½, decisioned Joe Robinson, 128, four. Guadalupe Canales, 145, decisioned William Wilson, 141, six. Tommy Charles, 165, and R. H. McDowell, 158, drew, eight. Tony Elizondo, 160, decisioned Paul Altman, 160, twelve. (Championship bout.)

At Galveston—Tommy Blakeway, 139, and Roy Guerar, 135, drew, four. Rudy Flores, 149, kayoed Harry Seaback, 151, two. Harold Moore, 141, kayoed Frank Cockrell, 138, six. Chucho Llanes, 133, decisioned James Cox, 131, six. Eddie Bertolino, 134, kayoed Roman Martinez, 137, four.

At Harlingen—Jose Ayala, 128, kayoed Carlos Arias, 125, one. Pedro Ramos, 129, decisioned Baby Ramirez, 128, six. Joe Wren, 155, kayoed Lefty Serna, 160, one. Roberto Esquibel, 122, decisioned Lauro Salas, 123, ten. Julio Bustos, 132, decisioned Enrique Garcia, 132, ten.

At Brownsville—Alfonso Gonzales, 115, decisioned Juan Gallardo, 118, four. Gilberto Gonzales, 120, decisioned Raul Reyna, 123, six. George Bennett, 160, and Juan Ramirez, 156, drew, six. Gonzalo Gonzales, 124, decisioned Lorenzo Contreras, 127, eight. Francisco Amezcua, 135, won by foul from Alexandro Garcia, 132, eight.

At El Paso—Johnny Pea, 150, kayoed James Dockery, 160, one. Claude Sullard, 140½, decisioned Jesus Castro, 142¼, four. Johnny Williams, 128, decisioned Jose Flores, 125, four. Pedro Ibarra, 133, decisioned Ruben Salazar, 130½, four. Richard Smith, 160, and Esteban Martinez, 159, drew, six. Rodolfo Villa, 116¼, decisioned Earl Roys, 113, ten.

At Harlingen—Jose Rodriguez Ayala, 130, kayoed Guillermo Ramirez, 128, one. Pablo Ayala, 130, kayoed Carlos Arias, 130, three. Joe Wren, 160, kayoed Raymundo Silva, 146, three. Irma Gonzales, 98, kayoed Bertha Gonzales, 108, four. Enrique Garcia, 130, decisioned Juan Ramirez, 130, ten.

At Houston—Michael Lytell, 154, T.K.O.'ed Chester Hughes, 147, four. Harry Seaback, 152, kayoed A. L. Pafford, 148, one. E. Agapion, 136, kayoed Roy Guerra, 138, three. O'Neal Crocker, 173, kayoed Pete Abrego, 170, one. Billy McCoy, 172, T.K.O.'ed Charles Pierce, 172, five. Eddie Ownby, 185, kayoed Tommy Charles, 170, four.

At Galveston—Sammy McNeal, 183, decisioned Walter Simmons, 195, four. Rudy Flores, 148, kayoed Carl Thomas, 149, one. Otho Slager, 138, T.K.O.'ed Roman Martinez, 139, six. James Cox, 130, T.K.O.'ed Chick Sanchez, 126½, one. Eddie Bertolino, 133½, T.K.O.'ed Manny Ortega, 126½, six.

IOWA, NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS
By BILL HAWKINS

SIOUX CITY, IA.—A medal for winning the heavyweight boxing championship of the heavy cruiser, U.S.S. *Fall River*, was awarded recently to John Frank Wagner of Sioux City. Young Wagner, a gunner's mate second, entered on his fifth year of Navy service this month. One of his treasured memories is of having served on the U.S.S. *Baltimore* when it made a cruise to Alaska with President Roosevelt aboard.

Sioux City, Ia.—Jesse Jackson, 142, Sioux City, Ia., lost by a T.K.O. to Howard Bleyhl, 145, of Madison, Minn., in the fourth round at Minneapolis. The Sioux Cityan injured his hand.

Des Moines, Ia.—Del Cockayne, 135, Des Moines, Ia., took a unanimous decision over Vic Creelman, 130½, of Minneapolis, in a six-round bout.

Yankton, S. D.—A series of amateur boxing shows has been started here for the indoor boxing season. In one of the feature bouts Leroy Blakey, 175, Yankton, stopped Lyle Ritter, 175, of Yankton, in the third round of one of the feature bouts.

Norfolk, Neb.—Keith Boughn, 145 pounds, Randolph, and Dick Kane, light-heavyweight from Wisner, each scored two technical knockouts to become star performers in the amateur boxing tournament here.

Sioux City, Ia.—Amateur boxers who appeared on a boxing card held at Yankton, S. D., recently are in danger of being placed under permanent suspension by the Mid-west Association of the Amateur Athletic Union, according to E. Q. Hoberg, commissioner for the Sioux City district. No sanction for the card was issued by the Mid-west Association as required by the rules.

Omaha, Neb.—In a semi-monthly boxing card at the City Auditorium 2300 fans paid $3323.50 to see Tex Boddie, 191, Omaha, make his ring comeback after a month's absence from the roped arena. He belted Bob Nora, 189, Cheyenne, Wyo., into the land of nod in 1:39 of the second round. It was the same Boddie right hand that has knocked out seven other fighters in the Omaha ring that did the damage to Nora. . . . Joe Hartfield, 162, Omaha, scored a technical knockout over Johnny Jarvis, 157½, Denver, in 45 seconds of the third round of the semi-windup. . . . In the special event, hard-hitting Jesse Jackson, 147, Sioux City, knocked out Al Romero, 152, Pueblo, Colo., in 1:13 of the first round. Jackson nailed a well-placed uppercut on the chin of Romero and then leveled off with a left under the heart for the kill.

Joe Danos, 148½, Denver, proved to be the sweetheart of the crowd as he scored his technical kayo over Willie Duncan, 145, Brooklyn, in 1:16 of the third round. The crowd filled the old auditorium with praise and applause for the dandy little southpaw from the mile high city. . . . Paul Martinez, 123, Omaha, won a four-round decision over Johnnie Martinez, 123, Denver, but suffered a broken nose in taking the nod. . . . Benny Dodrill, 140, Omaha, drew in four rounds with Speedy Moore, 141½, Omaha.

Last-Minute Sparks—Jack Cramer, Omaha middleweight, has definitely retired from the ring and is now running a body and fender repair shop in Omaha. . . . Everyone is urged to mail their publicity matter, cuts and mats for the Mid-west boxing annual to the writer at once. . . . The Annual will be a memorial to the men who have made boxing in the Middle-west, a history of bygone boxing stars from this section. . . . Mail will reach the writer at 2206 N. Lafayette, Sioux City, Ia.

Norfolk, Neb., is organizing boxing teams for the coming Golden Gloves meets.

Wayne Armstrong, Ponca, Neb., middleweight, has returned home for a short vacation after a trip East where he had several bouts. . . . Billy Jackson, Sioux City boxing promoter, has several boys under his direction. . . . Buzz Smith of Beatrice, Neb., reports plenty of action in sight for the boxing sport around such centers as Sutton, Fairbury, Lincoln, Falls City, Scottsbluff, McCook, Grand Island, Hardy, Central City, David City, Lyons, Decatur, York and several other Nebraska towns. . . . News from South Dakota shows that a number of spots are getting ready for the winter months. . . . Iowa is also showing signs of life in a number of smaller spots. . . . Lack of talent has been the drawback throughout the Middle-west owing to the fact most of the fighters head for the larger centers. . . . Lew Dochterman, promoter at Cedar Rapids, expects a busy season.

Paul Martinez, former Mid-west Golden Gloves flyweight champ, who has been fighting professionally in the ranks of the bantamweights, fought Tony Olivera, 124, San Francisco, Calif., in the first main event fight of his boxing career at Spokane, Wash., on September 25. Olivera was down twice in the first round. Olivera knocked out Martinez in 1:34 of the fifth round.

ADDITIONAL HAWAIIAN NEWS
By TED YAMACHIKA

RICHARD ASATO, 136¾, scored his greatest victory of his short ring career by outslugging durable Billy James, 133¾, in eight rounds at the Civic Auditorium on October 21. The fight was promoted by Leo Leavitt and grossed $6878 with an attendance of 4125.

Giving James due credit for his aggressiveness, he still lost the fight for the simple reason that he did not throw half the punches that he received.

Other results follow:

Victor Sagpang, 128¾, knocked out Leo Tolentino, 126½, in the first of a fiver.

Bill Caesar, 134½, drew with Ken Monar, 136¾, in five rounds.

Eddie Reyes, 119½, decisioned Kid Waialua, 117¼, in four rounds.

The opener saw Hideo Tengan, 128, outpointing Antonio Generalao, 127¼, in four rounds.

Another outdoor fight at the Honolulu Stadium was staged by Promoter Al Schaff on October 31. The fight, featuring Tsuneshi Maruo, 1946 national amateur bantamweight champion, against Al Chavez of California, drew a fair crowd of 5200 fans who paid $11,729.25.

Maruo, fighting a capable opponent for the first time in his short professional career, about six fights, upset the dope bucket by outpointing Al Chavez in six fast rounds.

Tsuneshi Maruo's weight was announced at 118⅝ to Al Chavez's 115⅞.

Other results: Terry Gibson, 144, outpointed Willie Calhoun, 144, six rounds. Willard Hauseman, 143¼, outconditioned Benny Mactagone, 140½, six rounds. Henry Davis, 124¼, decisioned Tommy Umeda, 123, six rounds. Freddy Calleon, 154½, knocked out Johnny Johnson, 147, in the first of a four-rounder.

In the curtain raiser Nicholas Boy, 119, beat Johnny Enos, 113⅜, in four rounds.

Baksi the Fighter of the Month

By THE RING EDITOR

MANY foreign champions and the cream of the American ranking fighters participated in bouts during the past month. Willie Pep, world featherweight champion; Joe Baksi, Ray Robinson, Elmer Ray, Curtis Sheppard, Jack Chase, Joe Kahut, Artie Levine, Steve Belloise, Johnny Greco, Enrique Bolanos and Manuel Ortiz were among the American stars who saw action, while in other parts of the world, Freddie Mills, Jackie Paterson, Theo Medina, Ernie Roderick, Vince Hawkins, Jack Johnson and Vic Patrick kept the interest alive.

To Joe Baksi goes this month's high honors. His knockout of Freddie Mills, over whom he had a 27 pound advantage, earned for Baksi the "fighter of the month" award. Theo Medina's knockout of Jackie Paterson to win the European bantam crown, rates second choice.

The heavyweight ratings were knocked into a cocked hat when Joey Maxim, ranked third, fought a draw with Jim Ritchie, a light-heavyweight novice. That bout brought Joey's stock down to a low level. He dropped from third to ninth place.

Were it not for the fact that Maxim had won a number of fights prior to this, including a victory over Joe Walcott, Maxim would be eliminated from the select circle, as Ritchie is only a third rate fighter. Maxim will have to do much better than against Ritchie if he hopes to be among the first ten.

The defeat of Joe Walcott by Elmer Ray puts Elmer into the leading post with Walcott close on his trail, because Elmer won that bout by the margin of only one point. However, neither Ray nor Walcott shapes up as an opponent for Joe Louis. Such a bout would be a wholesale slaughter match.

Curtis Sheppard rates behind Walcott, based on his splendid performances in recent bouts. Though Tami Mauriello was knocked out by Joe Louis he remains an outstanding contender and is placed fourth, with Joe Baksi, who knocked out Freddie Mills, in fifth post and Bruce Woodcock, British Empire heavyweight king, sixth.

By matching Baksi with Woodcock for a fight in London, Jack Solomons has garnered a contest which rates with a Mauriello-Woodcock return bout, as the outstanding heavyweight fight of the indoor season other than one in which Joe Louis might appear. Either contest will fill Albert Hall in London no matter how high Solomons boosts the price of ringside seats.

In the heavyweight division, Joe Matisi, who knocked out Tommy Gomez and Willie Barrow, made the best progress during the month and is now knocking on the door of the select circle. One more good victory and he will enter that field. Joe Kahut, who has been among the first ten on and off during the year, scored an excellent victory when he outscored Freddie Schott in a tough bout and takes the place of Jimmy Bivins, whose loss to Ezzard Charles has brought about his elimination from the ranking brigade. The fact that Kahut has been fighting much better and tougher talent than Matisi, is our reason for placing him, instead of Matisi, among the ranking ten.

In the light-heavyweight ranks, Jack Chase made the best gain. His victory over Costello Cruz and his draw with Archie Moore, both of whom were ranked above him, gained for Jack third place among the contenders. Moore dropped to fourth and Billy Smith, who fought to a deadlock with Archie, is on the latter's heels. Johnny Colan regained a position among the leaders. Freddie Mills and Billy Grant dropped to ninth and tenth place, respectively, and Costello Cruz was eliminated to make room for Colan.

The defeat of Holman Williams by Sam Baroudi, brought Sam into the ranking ten, in ninth place, and caused Williams to be dropped. Marcel Cerdan, now here to fight Georgie Abrams, continued his string of victories and is now ranked fifth. Bert Lytell, with three victories, has leaped into eighth place and Al Priest has been placed in tenth place.

Ray Robinson continues the class among the welters. His knockout of Artie Levine, a star middleweight, was a feather in his cap. It was Ray's best win of the year.

Though the Tippy Larkin-Johnny Jones fight at Manchester was called no-contest in the first round, Larkin was not to blame. He outclassed his opponent. Hence Larkin is not made to suffer for this stigma on his record. He retains second place.

Beau Jack's defeat at the hands of Buster Tyler, an ordinary fighter, brings Buster into the ranking ten and dropped Jack to sixth place, one below Buster.

Tony Pellone's victory over Johnny Greco on a split decision, has at last earned for Tony a place among the first ten. He rates seventh, one above his victim. Willie Joyce's defeat by Johnny Bratton brought Joyce's tumble down to ninth post.

The International lightweight championship, like that in the welterweight division, remains vacant. Johnny Bratton of Chicago made the best headway during the month. He now rates our second choice, under Ike Williams, who heads the division. Enrique Bolanos jumped ahead of Wesley Mouzon who holds down fourth position with Bob Montgomery fifth. Julio Jiminez has joined the first ten.

Carlos Chavez's fine victory over the bantam king, Manuel Ortiz, enabled him to retain his post under Phil Terranova, the leading featherweight contender. A newcomer this month is Charley Cabey Lewis, who has been doing excellent work this year.

Theo Medina became the outstanding contender for Manuel Ortiz's title when he knocked out Jackie Paterson to win the European bantam crown. Tony Olivera's defeat at the hands of Joey Dolan caused Tony to drop in the ratings and enabled Joey to gain a spot among the elite. Luis Galvani and Ernesto Aguilar are newcomers this month.

Dado Marino came back to life after a long period of idleness and won his old position back among the flyweights. Jack Bryce, who beat Alec Murphy, a ranking gamecock, joined the rated field.

RING RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

Ending November 12, 1946

Heavyweights (Over 175 pounds)	Light-Heavyweights (Not exceeding 175 pounds)	Middleweights (Not exceeding 160 pounds)	Welterweights (Not exceeding 147 pounds)
World's Champion Joe Louis	World's Champion Gus Lesnevich	World's Champion Tony Zale	World's Champion (Title Vacant)
1—Elmer Ray	Ezzard Charles	Jake LaMotta	Ray Robinson
2—Joe Walcott	Billy Fox	Charley Burley	Tippy Larkin
3—Curtis Sheppard	Jack Chase	Rocky Graziano	Tommy Bell
4—Tami Mauriello	Archie Moore	Georgie Abrams	Bernard Docusen
5—Joe Baksi	Billy Smith	Marcel Cerdan	Buster Tyler
6—Bruce Woodcock	Tommy Yarosz	Jimmy Edgar	Beau Jack
7—Lee Q. Murray	Booker Beckwith	Steve Belloise	Tony Pellone
8—Melio Bettina	Johnny Colan	Bert Lytell	Johnny Greco
9—Joey Maxim	Freddie Mills	Sam Baroudi	Willie Joyce
10—Joe Kahut	Billy Grant	Al Priest	Tony Janiro

Lightweights (Not exceeding 135 pounds)	Featherweights (Not exceeding 126 pounds)	Bantamweights (Not exceeding 118 pounds)	Flyweights (Not exceeding 112 pounds)
World's Champion (Title Vacant)	World's Champion Willie Pep	World's Champion Manuel Ortiz	World's Champion Jackie Paterson
1—Ike Williams (N.B.A. Champion)	Phil Terranova	Theo Medina	Rinty Monaghan
2—Johnny Bratton	Carlos Chavez	David Kui Kong Young	Dado Marino
3—Enrique Bolanos	Oscar Calles	Bunty Doran	Jimmy Gill
4—Wesley Mouzon	Miguel Acevedo	Cliff Anderson	Stumpy Butwell
5—Bob Montgomery (Recognized by N.Y.)	Jock Leslie	Tony Olivera	Joe Curran
6—Vic Patrick	Spider Armstrong	Joey Dolan	Tommy Burney
7—John Thomas	Jackie Graves	Peter Kane	Terry Allen
8—Larry Cisneros	Sandy Saddler	Luis Galvani	Jacky Bryce
9—Chester Rico	Charley Cabey Lewis	Ernesto Aguilar	Alec Murphy
10—Julio Jiminez	Sal Bartolo	Benny Goldberg	Mick McKay

The outstanding fights of the month in each division, follow:

The Heavyweight bouts:

Joe Baksi stopped Freddie Mills, 6. Mills was outweighed 27½ pounds. Curtis Sheppard chilled George Fitch, 5. Elmer Ray knocked out Earle Lowman, 2, George Parks, 3, and Cliff Mann, 2.

George Martin took the French heavyweight crown from Al Renet in 7. Pat Comiskey knocked out Johnny Haynes, 6. Joe Muscato beat Arturo Godoy, 10.

Joe Louis, world's heavyweight champion, boxed a 4 round exhibition with Cleo Everett and a 2 round exhibition with Wayne Powell in Honolulu. Ezzard Charles whipped Jimmy Bivins, 10. Lee Oma beat Joe Muscato, 10. Joe Maxim drew with Jim Ritchie, 10.

Joe Kahut outscored Freddie Schott, 10. Joey Maxim starched Bearcat Jones, 5. O'Dell Riley knocked out Jimmy Bell, 5.

Jack Johnson drew with Alf Gallagher, 15 (Australian title bout). Tex Boddie kayoed Bob Nora, 2 and Johnny Denson, 3. Joe Matisi stopped Tommy Gomez, 3, and Willie Barrow, 9. Pat Valentino beat Jack Hannon Porter, 10, and Willie Brown, 10.

Pete Louthis conquered George Bensik, 10. Jerry McSwain made it 12 in a row by beating Eddie Reed, 10. Gene Gosney chilled Harry Berntsen, 4. Berntsen kayoed George Reed, 1. Billy Gilliam knocked out Jim Robinson, 3. Ragon Kinney outpointed Johnny Denson, 8.

Gene Jones beat Erv Sarlin, 10, and kayoed Willie Applegate, 3, drew with Sandy McPherson, 8. Charlie Roth chilled Jimmy Langford, 5. Buddy Walker whipped Clarence Brown, 10. Sanders Cox chilled Bob Miller, 3.

Gene Felton defeated Rusty Payne, 10. Buddy Komar stopped Jack O'Sullivan in 2 but was chilled in turn by Jackie Cranford, 10. Buddy Knox whipped George Bensick, 8, beat Tony Bosnick, 10. Red Camerson defeated Wade Chauncey, 10. Cyclone Williams whipped Ralph Ivins, 10. Jimmy Meeks kayoed Willie Hayes, 2. Wally Sears stopped Tony Gangemi, 1.

Art Ramsey iced Bernie Griffin, 8. Eddie Ownby scored over Tommy Charles in 4 heats. Jimmy Carollo defeated Cliff Keorkle in 8.

Curtis Sheppard chilled Bill Petersen, 4. Tex Boddie kayoed Gus Willner, 2.

Here are the Light-heavyweight results:

Jack Chase beat Costello Cruz, 10, and then drew with Archie Moore, 10. Archie Moore and Billy Smith drew in 12 rounds.

Jack Fowles stopped Larry Kellum in the fifth. Al Johnson, Indiana State champion, stopped Gib Jones in the fourth. Dave Sands stopped Jack Johnson in 4 rounds to take the Australian light-heavyweight crown.

Tommy Sullivan stopped George Kochan, 9. Prentiss Hall knocked out Jimmy Nelson in the fifth, beat Oscar Boyd, 8. Johnny Colan beat Billy Grant, 10, and stopped Billy Gordon, 3. Jim Lake won over Jimmy Hooper, 8.

Mad Anthony Jones flattened Jack Kenny, 6, but lost to Jimmy Hooper, 10. Al Johnson chilled Harold Hazlett, 8, halted Tommy Byron, 5. Charlie Banks beat Elton Evans, 10. Nick Barone stopped Bobby Vowles, 5.

Henry Hall decisioned Teddy Randolph, 10.

Middleweight contests:

Jake LaMotta haled O'Neill Bell, 2. Sam Barcudi beat Holman Williams, 10. Vince Hawkins won the British middleweight crown from Ernie Roderick, 15. Marcel Cerdan knocked out Jean Pankoviak, 5.

Harold Green beat Jerry Fiorello, 8. Bert Lytell whipped Johnny Eagle, 10. Bert Lytell defeated Johnny Deacon Brown, 8, also knocked out Johnny Taylor, 3. Al Hostak iced George Evans, 1.

Gentle Daniel stopped Jota Jota Hernandez in 5.

Billy Kilroy kept on winning by blasting Frankie Smith, 1, and Tommy Sloane, 3. Steve Belloise chilled Mel Hawkins, 5.

Gene Farland outscored Eddie Soares, 10, and Al Costa, 10. Anton Raadik knocked out Charley Hayes, 2. Pete Mead whipped Tony Riccio, 10. Chuck Hunter whipped Art Brown, 8, chilled Jackie Burke, 9, and stopped William Johnson, 3.

Smuggy Hursey whipped Jimmy Mandell, 10, and stopped Jim Pettie, 5. Billy Walker took the nod over Coolidge Miller, 8, stopped Art Tatta, 6. Bobby Britton knocked out Johnny Decker, 8. Villavicencio halted Augie Fleishauer, 5.

Johnny Walker beat Van McNutt, 8. Perry Lowe whipped Andy Faison, 10. Freddie Flores halted Joey LaMotta, 4, and then beat him in 8. Tony Vero decisioned Joe Bennett, 10.

The Cleve Bailey vs. Buddy Rose bout was declared No Contest, 4. Leon Sheppard halted Vinnie Vines, 2, and beat Johnny King, 10. Tom Kiddy whipped Tom Varsos, 4. Tony Elizondo scored over Paul Altman, 12.

Ossie Harris outpointed Bobby Richardson, 10. Speedy Duval stopped Johnny Smith, 3. Vince Fratello bossed Solly Zalter, 10. Zalter also lost to Danny Martin, 10. Martin beat Don Ellis, 8. Al Costa stopped Jerry Boisvert, 7. Eddie Miller halted Bennie Droll, 4. Jimmy Braxton outpointed Rudy Margolin, 10.

Bobby Zollo knocked out Tommy Belmont, 1. Emil Stevens beat Frankie Ross, 6. Buddy Jones beat Johnny Marra, 6. Larry Gibson scored over Jimmy Wilson, 6. Roy Williams outscored Baby Simms, 10. Billy Carrigan beat Billy Arnold, 8.

Prospects of the Month

Heavyweight—Jerry McSwain, California.

Light-heavyweight—Clem Russo, Philadelphia, Pa.

Middleweight—Lee Sala, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Welterweight—Tony LaRocco, New York.

Lightweight—Jesse Flores, Stockton, Calif.

Featherweight—Arthur King, Canada.

Bantamweight—Vince Lauria, Camden, N. J.

Flyweight—Tony Rojo, Tampa, Fla.

Benny Dean whipped Lou Miller, 6. Lavern Roach stopped Art Bethea, 3. Fred Apostoli outpunched Tommy Egan, 10. Bee Bee Washington kayoed Oscar Boyd, 7. Boyd lost to Prentiss Hall, 8. Teddy Turner bossed Stanley Derr, 8. Eddie O'Neill outscored Jimmy Hayden, 10. Mario Ochoa whipped Jesus Villa, 12.

George Elliott beat Ritchie Sands twice in 12 round bouts. Ginger Sadd won over Jimmy Ingle, 8. Jerry Boisvert beat Buddy Jones, 8. Harry O'Grady stopped Ken Hill, 8. Mel Hawkins outscored Juan Serrano, 8.

Jack Marino halted Charlie Pipe, 2. Buddy O'Dell beat Billy Bengal, 8. Jack McKnight was stopped by Andy McKenzie, 3. George Duke beat Lincoln Stanley, 10. Jimmy Moore whipped Al Cortez, 6.

Bert Page outpointed Billy Furrone, 6. Juan Serrano outpunched Coolidge Miller, 8. Charley Hayes defeated Louis Rousse, 10.

Kenny Watkins starched Paulie Peters, 7. Jimmy Henderson whipped Leo Sawicki, 10. Casey Jones chilled Joe Reddick, 6. Emil Evans chilled Johnny DeCiantis, 3. George Brown decisioned Tony Riccio, 10.

George Doty beat Charley McPherson, 10.

Joe Curcio defeated Danny Rosati, 10. Jimmy Palmer stopped Gene Boland, 8. Buddy Jones halted Maurice Cloutier, 3. Clint Perry defeated Freddie Wilson, 8. Horace Bailey won on a disqualification from Lew Perez, 1. Went down twice without being hit.

J. C. Wilkens beat Coolidge Miller, 8.

Joe Governale defeated Billy Cooper, 10. Al Hostak knocked out Sam Hughes, 1. George Duke beat Al Robinson, 10.

Welterweights fared as follows:

Ray Robinson knocked out Cecil Hudson, 6, and Artie Levine, 10. Buster Tyler upset Beau Jack, 10. Tony Pellone defeated Johnny Greco, 10.

Charlie Fusari knocked out Jack Larrimore, 3. Tippy Larkin vs. Johnny Jones was declared No Contest in 1, Jones outclassed. Billy Graham whipped Cleo Shans, 10, and Doll Rafferty, 10. Ruby Kessler outpointed Pat Scanlon, 10.

Tony Janiro whipped Willie Odom, 8. Vince LaSalva won over Willie Odom, 8, and lost to Bernard Docusen, 8. Bernard Docusen defeated Wayland Douglas, 8.

Rocco Rossano defeated Juan Carrero twice during the month, 8. Kid Dinamita drew with Cyril Francis, 10. Kid Azteca stopped Carlos Malacara, 3.

Omar Kouidri lost to Robert Villemain, 12. George Martin drew with Ralph Zannelli, 10. Billy Strauss beat Richard Orange, 8. Joe Falco decisioned Chet Vinci, 10. Cliff Hart defeated Sammy Mack, 8. Charley Williams beat Charley Early, 10. Charlie Busalacchi chilled Louis Hall, 4. Jimmy Thurman knocked out Harry Preston, 3.

Al Michaud whipped Fern Pelletier, 8, while Maurice Beauchene stopped Pelletier in 7. Harry Hurst bested Lenny Mancini, 10. Major Jones outpointed Chester Slider, 10.

Howard Faulkner scored over Tommy Saunders, 10. Billy Moore flattened Dis Rochester, 1. Baby Beau Jack decisioned Van Butler, 6. Clyde Gordon stopped Billy Hannon, 2.

Freddie Archer beat Bobby Cummings, 8. Doug Carter decisioned Ernie Petrone, 10. Al Mobley halted Bobby Mann, 6, but lost to Doug Ratford, 8. Georgie Duke bossed Ben Evans, 10.

Norman Rubio scored over Tony DeRosa, 8. Eddie Smith won over Tommy Mills, 8. Eddie Moniz whipped Eddie Letourneau, 10. Bobby Jones bossed Young Salvatore, 10.

Gene Burton halted Tommy Campbell, 9. Patsy Gall bossed Andy Klinges, 8. Charley Williams halted Johnny Taylor, 7. Jerry Coursol halted Jack Larrimore, 5.

Joe D'Amato chilled Paul Davis, 1, and Earl Shaw, 4, also halted Art McKenzie, 2. Frankie Vigeant scored over Benny Singleton, 10. Kenny James won from Harry Holt, 8. Vic Grupico beat Charley Smith, 10. George LaRover knocked out Ivan Christie, 3.

Henry Jordan decisioned Leroy Haynes, 10. Tommy Jessup stopped Jorge Morelia, 3. Herb Freeman iced Frankie Diaz, 2. Vince Gambill halted Johnny Ray, 3, and beat Cotton King, 10.

Ben Montabano received a draw this time against Sammy Adragna, 10, and Adragna lost a 10 round decision to Nava Esparza. Montabano beat Sal Richie, 10. Charlie Millan defeated Maxie Starr, 10. Hockey Bennell whipped George Sands, 12. Tommy Burns knocked out Clarrie Gordon, 3. Al Highers whipped Eddie Smith, 10.

George Ross outscored Jim Pettie, 10. Harvey Dubs iced Willie Edmonds, 9. Oscar Williams knocked out Leonard Ceasar, 7. Billy Nixon put Billy Justine away in 7 heats. Jackie Armitage knocked out Cab Calloway, 2.

Roger Whynott halted Al Michaud, 5. Henry Jordan bossed Izzy Jannazzo, 10, and was stopped by Bee Bee Wright, 3. Al Mazanoble won over Chet Vinci, 8. Johnny Dabbs whipped Buddy Holderfield, 10.

Irving Palefsky halted Willie Odom, 2. Fritzie Zivic stopped Russell Wilhite, 5. Tommy Ciarlo whipped Andy Klinges, 8.

Gavilan Kid knocked out Johnny Ryan, 5. Tommy Marra decisioned Arthur Mott, 8. Jackie Daniels beat Al Moran, 15, for the Australian State Title. Pat Byers kayoed Chavos Ramos, 2, knocked out Jimmy Hill, 2, and lost to Billy Mimms, 8.

Norman Rubio scored over Artie DePietro, 10. Johnny Williams whipped Lenny Mancini, 8. Jose Garcia Alvarez beat Bobby Britton, 10, but lost to Hankin Barrows, 10. Tommy Mills whipped Rudy Campa, 8.

Jackie Armitage upset Charley Zivic in 10. Freddy Dixon outscored Eddie DuBois, 10. Jerome Frazier beat Johnny Green, 10. Tony Cook knocked out Billy Allen, 3. Phil Burton kayoed Leon Kennedy, 5.

Joey Peralta upset Dave Andrews, 10. Nick Castiglione beat Bill Parsons, 8. George Smith drew with Mayhew Smith, 10. Vince Gambill stopped Johnny Taylor, 6.

George Doty starched Johnny King, 6. Al Highers outscored Ed Smith, 10. Buster Beaupre stopped Fern Pelletier, 3. Tommy Ciarlo whipped Tommy Mills, 5. Irving Palefsky beat Freddie Addeo, 8. Lou Valles chilled Vic Costa, 7. Joe D'Amato outclassed Aurelio Vasquez, 4. Al Mobley beat Fritzie Zivic, 8. Mike DeCosmo kayoed Jimmy Thurman, 3.

The Lightweight contests:

Enrique Bolanos scored over Chalky Wright, 10, and chilled Star Misamis, 2. Frankie Moore outpointed Al Medrano, 10. Johnny Bratton flattened Richard Polite, 3, and beat Willie Joyce, 10.

Lulu Costantino defeated Johnny Dell, 10. Chester Rico beat Leo Rodak, 10. Bobby Pooler outpunched Corky Davis, 8. Frankie Conti outpunched Joe Gillis, 10, and Buster Beaupre also beat Gillis in 10. Costantino beat Bobby Williams in 10 rounds.

Larry Cisneros outpointed Joey Varoff, 8, and Johnny Williams, 10. Julie Bort outfought Aurillo Vasquez, 8. Willie Beltram whipped Juan Carrero, 8.

Doll Rafferty beat Eddie Lander, 10, lost to Billy Graham, 10. Julio Jiminez beat Cleo Shans, 8, Shans beat Broker Hodges, 8. Jimmy McLarnin iced Tommy Wells, 3.

Julie Kogon iced Jose Torres, 1, drew with Mickey Williams, 8, and then kayoed Williams in 1. Ray Lewis outscored Oscar Wright, 8, and Ruby Garcia, 8.

Eddie Bertolino knocked out Chu Chu Angeles, 4, and Manny Ortega, 6. Eddie Giosa whipped Pat Scanlon, 8. Mario Trigo decisioned Tony Rodriguez, 10.

Candy McDaniels chilled Abel Lucero, 1. Robert Takeshita made it 9 straight kayo wins by flattening John Torres in 4 heats. Lefty LaChance whipped Lloyd Hudson, 10. Gene Joyce put an end to the winning ways of Al Gaulteri in 1. Tony LaRocca decisioned Donald Murray, 6.

Eddie Prince drew with Bill Eddy, 10. Juste Fontaine whipped Dorsey Lay, 10. Freddie Dawson outscored Willie Russell, 10. Walter Cabey Lewis halted Carroll Alexander, 5. Henry Polowitzer outscored Jimmy McLarnin, 10.

Vic Patrick stopped Eddie Miller, 6 (Australian title). Willie Jones halted Joe Grant, 6. Kid Young stopped Leo Heaney, 6. Jimmy Joyce belted out Roy Lewis, 4. Talmadge Bussey stopped Sonny Holden, 1.

Patsy Giovanelli whipped Vic Moreno, 8. Quentin Baby Breeze stopped Gene Spider Mock, 7. Bob Pooler drew with Leo LeBlond, 8. Jesse Flores knocked out Arturo Barron, 8. Rudy Cruz beat Eddie Hudson, 10.

Art Price knocked out Tony Ancona, 10. Florient Desmarais outscored Jimmy McLarnin, 10. Lou Cassiano halted Vince Dell 'Orto, 3. Roscoe Scally stopped George Hansford, 4. Charlie Ashenden stopped Joe Hall, 6.

Raul Zenit halted Tommy Greb, 3. Harry Hintlian whipped Bobby Pooler, 10. Ernie Calhoun starched Charley Gillen, 2. Luis Arguelles knocked out Kid Filipino in 3 and then drew with Paulino Montes, 10. Filipino Montes, 10. Filipino came back to chill Zarcillo Sanchez, 5.

Paul Bustamante outscored Aurelio Cruz, 10. Max Perez beat Pedro Ortega, 10, but lost to Saul Torres, 10. Torres was then knocked out by Tony Mar in 4. Mar, Mexican Lightweight Champion, and Carlos Malacara engaged in a bout that was declared no contest in 8 rounds.

Al Pennino whipped Walter Cabey Lewis, 8. Johnny Dell beat Aponte Torres, 10.

Steve Kronis kayoed Leo Methot, 9. Joe Carkido beat Bob Timpson, 8. John Thomas stopped Leo Rodak, 5. Willie Russell kayoed Joe Pirrone, 5.

Featherweights:

Champion Willie Pep defeated Paulie Jackson, 10. (Non title.) Baby Gonzales upset Jock Leslie, 10, but Leslie came back to reverse the decision

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BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By "THE RING" STAFF

THERE was a considerable lull in boxing throughout the country during the past month, due to the fact that Madison Square Garden was closed to fisticuffs because of the rodeo and the horse show. When the New York fistic emporium has no boxing, the top notchers take a rest and the little fellows get a chance to show their wares. That's what happened in the sport during October and the early part of November, but from now on, there'll be enough boxing to satisfy the most rabid fan.

The ranking boys go into action shortly with such stars as Rocky Graziano, Ray Robinson, Tommy Bell, Marcel Cerdan, Georgie Abrams, holding the spotlight. Bouts in which they appear, will be the beginning of a drive that will give to New Yorkers one of the biggest indoor seasons in many years. While a number of headliners who filled the Garden coffers in the past will be missing, many newcomers will be seen in action, boys who have gained a national reputation and having made the grade, are ready for the big show.

Two shows that would draw a tremendous gate in the Garden, are a Ray Robinson-Jake LaMotta mill and a return engagement between Tami Mauriello and Bruce Woodcock now that the Englishman has disposed of Gus Lesnevich. The chances are that these may yet be made though Mauriello prefers to go to England for a return engagement with Bruce, figuring that such a bout would draw more in London than in New York. No doubt he is correct because Jack Solomons can charge $40 tops for such a mill while here Uncle Mike couldn't do better than $20.

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Johnny Greco, who lost his fight with Tony Pellone in the Garden, is eager to get a crack at Ernie Roderick in London. Since Ernie holds the British Empire welterweight championship and Greco is the holder of the Canadian title, such a fight would go big abroad. Jack Solomons when queried on promoting the fight, replied that he would be glad to stage it if the British Board of Boxing Control initiated the negotiations. In England no title fight is permissible unless the BBC orders it and sanctions the contest.

This month will be a busy one for Nat Fleischer, THE RING Editor, who celebrated his sixtieth anniversary on November 3 with a full day's work that got under way at 5:30 a.m. Besides working on the annual rating of boxers, a job that takes four weeks, starting the ball rolling for his 1947 RING Record Book, the compilation of which began on November 1, THE RING Editor was on a four days' lecture tour to Charleston, S. C., and Savannah, Georgia, followed by a trip to Miami where he presented THE RING belt to the winner of the Dave White Southern welterweight championship tournament at the Civic Center. Nat was the referee.

Then late this month, Nat will fly to Cuba to referee the Willie Pep-Miguel Acevedo fight in Havana and when he returns, he will get out the biggest and best RING MAGAZINE ever issued—the Silver Jubilee Number, the March issue. Though the first issue of THE RING was dated February, 1922, it actually was published during the month of February and the coming March magazine will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of The Bible of Boxing.

This issue will contain the story of the greatest and most thrilling fights of the past quarter century, photographs of important contests and persons, a review of THE RING's career and loads of other interesting material. The usual notes will be reduced to a minimum to make room for the special features. The Jubilee Number will be a collector's item. Place your order early if you hope to get a copy.

Joe Matisi, Endicott, N. Y., heavyweight star, is managed by his brother Tony, a doctor, and former All-American tackle at Pitt. . . . The Trinity Club in Yonkers folded last month despite several corking shows. . . . Four fighters using the immortal monicker of "Kid Chocolate" are plying their fistic wares in various parts of the country . . . none of 'em can fight worth a lick. . . . Izzy Redman, popular Brooklyn middleweight, who mingled with the best names just before the war, is now driving his own cab in Brooklyn. . . . The Adam Hat Co., a pioneer in the broadcasting of boxing bouts, have finally decided to drop their radio sponsorship of all things fistic. . . . The famed chapeau outfit struggled along foolishly for seven years after losing the rights to Garden bouts.

The National Boxing Association was asked to sanction a featherweight championship bout in Los Angeles between Willie Pep and Manuel Ortiz, the bantam king, but refused. The NBA declared that Ortiz would have to give up his bantam crown before being permitted to fight for a title in a higher division. Thus what appeared to be a natural for the Pacific Coast, fell through because of such a silly ruling. New York had a title fight some years ago with Henry Armstrong, the light and welter king, battling Lou Ambers for the lightweight title.

Joe Walcott and Joe Gans, two champions in different divisions, fought for the welter title. There have been other such cases and I see no reason why Ortiz should have been prevented from taking a fling at Pep's crown.

Beau Jack again will start the ball rolling in the Garden, headlining the first show of 1947. In 1944 he was on the first card against Lulu Costantino and in 1946 he faced Morris Reif in the year's opening Garden attraction. In 1947 he will oppose Tony Janiro in the feature.

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The New York Fight Managers' Guild had its annual elections on November 5 and Charley Johnston, brother of the late James J., was chosen president. He defeated George Finn. Frank Jacobs, manager of Janiro, was selected vice-president over Dewey Fragetta and Abe Elkins got the treasurer's job unanimously. Irving Cohen, manager of Rocky Graziano, is secretary. Joe Chap, corresponding secretary, and Tommy Conti, sergeant-at-arms.

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In a hard-fought contest in which both boys tried for a knockout, Johnny Greco, Canadian welterweight champion, lost a split decision of ten rounds in Madison Square Garden at the resumption of boxing following the exit of the rodeo. Greco, the 1 to 3 favorite, found a far better Pellone facing him than the Garden fans had hitherto seen.

A total of 12,393 fight enthusiasts, who paid $55,551 to see the bout, were treated to a good action contest in which Referee Eddie Joseph saw it differently from the two judges. He tabbed Greco the winner by a margin of seven to three rounds while Joe Agnello and George Lecron had identical score cards, each giving Pellone six rounds to four for Greco.

Greco, over-confident, gave the impression that he felt he could end the bout at will with a kayo wallop, but he found a willing, aggressive Tony, battling him every inch of the way. In close, Greco was the master, but at long range, Pellone stabbed his left to his opponent's face repeatedly and frequently feinted Greco into knots. Eddie Joseph warned Pellone several times for using his head in butting, but didn't take any rounds from Tony, who scaled 145 to Greco's 146½, the heaviest he has yet appeared in a Garden ring.

In the eight-round semi-final Julio Jiminez, Mexico City, at 135½, fought his usual rough, and mauling fight, to take a close decision from Cleo Shans, 136, Los Angeles Negro. Shans crowded Julio from the opening bell, keeping in close with a constant flurry of lefts and rights. He kept using the style of Henry Armstrong, from whom he had received instruction when Henry was at his best.

Billy Strauss, 138½, Paterson, defeated Joey Carkido, 138, Youngstown, in six rounds. In another six, Gerry Gavilan, 146, Cuba, put Johnny Ryan, 152, Detroit, down to stay in 1:29 of the 5th round. Gavilan wasn't as sharp a puncher as was expected but Ryan never had a show.

In the fours, Art McKenzie, 144, of the Bronx, was kayoed in 2:23 of the 2nd round by Joey Red D'Amato, 141½, of Youngstown. Jimmie Mangia, 156, East Side, knocked out Jerry Heimowitz, 152, of Brooklyn, in 0:23 of the 2nd.

Tony Janiro, who has not been seen in action since he knocked out Tony Reno in two rounds in New York on July 16, came back to the fistic warfare with William Odom of Chicago in the main event at the Trinity Club of Yonkers on November 4 and gained the unanimous decision in eight rounds. Tony, scaling 150½ to Odom's 145½, flashed his usual snappy, clever style and showed that he is ready to resume where he left off last summer. His judgment of distance wasn't as good as usual, but his hitting and jabbing when he did connect, indicated that the leading welters will have keen opposition from him when he is ready to tackle them agan.

In sixes, Joe D'Amato, 141¾, kayoed Earl Shaw, 146, in 2.34 of the fourth round; Lou Miller, 153½, outpointed Paulie Davis, 146, and Johnny Merino, 129¾, outpointed Raoul Roque, 126. Ray Solomon, 139, kayoed Eli Simley, 138, in 2.59 of the third round.

Highly-touted Sam Baroudi, who fought a prelim in the St. Nicholas Arena a year ago, came back to top the bill at the historic fight club and carved out an unimpressive ten-round victory over wily Holman Williams, Negro veteran of fifteen years in the ring.

The ageless Williams, 160, Detroit, seemed content to bob and weave, slip and slide, and roll with punches to make the eager hard-hitting Baroudi, 160, Akron, Ohio, look foolish at times. It was hardly the Battle of the Century as the fans rendered "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" during the fifth round. The six to four verdict in favor of Baroudi rendered by Referee Eddie Joseph and Judge Harold Barnes overruled the decision of Judge Nick Gamboli who scored it for Williams seven, two and one even.

Leo LeBron, 121¼, Bronx, beat Bobby Richards, 126½, Portland, Oregon, in the eight-round semi-final.

In sixes Jesus Compos, 123, Puerto Rico, knocked out Victor Young, 128½, Rochester, N. Y., in 44 seconds of the third, and LaVern Roach, 158, Plainview, Texas, trounced Charley McPherson, 165, Brooklyn.

Joe Holmes, 136, New York, knocked out Johnny Ortega, 141, New York, in 43 seconds of the second, and Charley Early, 146¼, Detroit, started late but finished strong to whip Horace Bailey, 150¾, Brooklyn, in the four rounders.

Billy Graham, 141, East Side, made it 67 wins in 69 professional starts as he shadow boxed his way to a lopsided ten-round decision over timid Doll Rafferty, 141, Milwaukee, at the St. Nicholas Arena.

Shadowboxed is the only apt adjective that could describe Graham's futile efforts to make a fight of it. Billy kept moving in, tried to slug it out, then reverted to steady boxing, while Rafferty, apparently stagestruck and frozen in his New York debut, hardly threw a punch. Referee Benny Leonard and Judge Jim Hagan scored it nine rounds for Graham and one even, while Judge Charley Rosen was a bit more generous as he gave Rafferty one frame.

Mike (Billygoat) Konnors, 141½, Brooklyn, stopped Mel Johnson, 145¾, Los Angeles, Cal., with a badly cut eye at 2:37 of the fourth round of the slated eight-round semi-windup.

Joe D'Amato, 141¾, Youngstown, O., was rocked a couple of times before he stowed Paul Davis, 145½, New York, away in 2:44 of the first round of a scheduled six. Another scheduled six ended at 2:43 of the first as Paul Tine, 151¼, New York, overpowered Jerry Munsinger, 143¼, Paterson, N. J.

Jimmy Jackson, 157½, Bronx, decisioned Ray Shaf, 157, East Side, and Jimmy Mangia, 156, East Side, beat Gregory Hidalgo, 152½, Puerto Rico, in a pair of four round tussles.

Rocco Rossano, 142, Brooklyn, stepped nimbly around and nailed the charging Juan Carrero, 140, Puerto Rico, with left hooks to win an eight-round decision at the Trinity Auditorium, Yonkers, before a crowd of 1,600.

Referee Joe Vaccarelli, and Judges George Kelly and Jack Goodman all voted in favor of Rossano.

Ray Lewis, 134, Honolulu, outboxed Oscar Wright, 139, Harlem, to handily win the eight-round semi-final.

Two of the three prelims ended in knockouts as George Scott, 137, Harlem, stopped Joe Ciarmella, 133, Brooklyn, in 53 seconds of the first round, and Joe Brocato, 132, New York, cut Domingo Reyes, 136, Puerto Rico, about the mouth and the latter was unable to answer the bell for the fourth frame. In a good six, Tommy Lynch, 143, Bronx, defeated Charley Finley, 147, New York.

Billy Graham, 141, East Side, embarked upon another winning streak as he pummeled Cleo Shans, 139½, Los Angeles Negro veteran, to take the decision in the main go of ten rounds at the Broadway Arena. Graham has lost but twice to Tony Pellone in 67 starts.

Johnny McAvoy was the referee, and Joe Agnello and George LeCron the judges.

Pete Muscarnera, 146½, Brooklyn, packed too much punch and savvy for Jimmy Conn, 147½, Milburn, N. J., and the referee intervened at 2:41 of the seventh to save the Jerseyite from further punishment. This was an intended eight-round semi-final.

Phil Thomas, 127, Bronx, beat Radames Freyes, 135, Puerto Rico, about the body and stowed him away in 39 seconds of the second stanza. Willie Murphy, 141, Brooklyn, kayoed Leroy Saunders, 137½, Bronx, in 2:50 of the first and Charles Zach, 149½, New York, stopped Lou Piazza, 150½, New York, at 1:21 of the fourth round.

Flooring his formidable foe in the final frame, Vince LaSalva, 147½, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., clinched an eight-round decision victory over Willie Odom, 144, Chicago, at the Park Arena.

In the semi-final eight, Billy Strauss, 139¼, Paterson, N. J., defeated Dick Orange, 141, Harlem.

Jerry Heminger, 163½, Tiffin, Ohio, stopped Walter Cartier, 159½, Fordham, in 2:46 of round one. Al Maggi, 158, New York, whipped Jay Paganelli, 158, Bellville, N. J., in a six, while in fours Sal Farillo, 120, Harlem, beat Larry Spencer, 117½, Bronx, and Jimmy White, 180, Staten Island, won over Joe Mason, 185½, Pittsburgh.

Norman Rubio, 148, Albany buzzsaw, proved he was still king of the clubfighters as he returned to the neighborhood circuit to turn back young Tony DeRosa, 147, Astoria, L. I., in the star bout of eight rounds at the Jamaica Arena.

Rubio began winging rights and lefts from all angles at the opening gong and won the unanimous verdict rendered by Referee Mark Conn and Judges Charley Shortell and Sam Rosenblatt. A gathering of 1,500 paid a gross of $3,169.

Andy "Buster" Peppe, 174, Greenwich Village, stole the show in his slugfest with Joe Barrett, 178, San Francisco, slated for six rounds. Peppe was down twice in the first heat and came back to stop Barrett at 1:43 of the fifth round.

Frank "Baby Beau" Hardeman, 141½, Atlanta, Ga., garnered the nod from Ernie Copeland, 142, Bronx, in a slow semi-final eight.

Eli DeLoach, 146, New York, outpointed Bill Ganjes, 150, Brooklyn, in six rounds, and Johnny Morales, 129, Bronx, vanquished Chet Bossio, 133, New York, in the opening four spot.

Lulu Costantino, 132, East Side veteran of over 125 battles, scored his best win since coming back to the ring when he outboxed and outpunched Johnny Dell, 134½, Brooklyn, to take the decision at the end of ten rounds at the St. Nicholas Arena.

Costantino, a former leading contender for featherweight honors, was classy on defense and his old style of slipping and ducking which made Dell flounder at times was a treat. The attendance was 3,485 and the gate $10,199. Ruby Goldstein was the referee. Young Otto and Jack O'Sullivan were the judges.

Joe Aponte Torres, 127, Puerto Rico, nosed out Eddie Smith, 127, Harlem, in a ding dong eight-round semi-final that had the house in a frenzy. Dropped twice for nine counts in the opening canto, Smith came back to carry the fight at a blistering pace to Torres, and the more experienced Puerto Rican was extended to the limit in winning.

Jerry Heminger, 162½, Tiffin, Ohio, stiffened Billy Herold, 157¾, Houston, Texas, in 2:27 of the first round of a slated six. The Texan was carried from the ring unconscious, but recovered and was removed to Roosevelt Hospital, where it was reported he had suffered a concussion.

In other bouts, Eddie Franklin, 185½, Philadelphia, finished Noel Sharp, 189¾, Los Angeles, in 1:46 of the second, Marvin Dick, 123½, Brooklyn, outpointed Grady Wilson, 128, Harlem, and Sammy Chernoff, 123½, Brooklyn, won in four from Larry Spencer, 123½, Bronx.

Bernard Docusen, 145, the New Orleans nifty, made his first indoor start of the season before a packed house at the Ridgewood Grove and trounced willing Wayland Douglas, 141½, Brooklyn, to take a unanimous eight-round decision before 4,000 fans who paid $6,773.

Douglas made a game try of it, garnering the first heat as he rushed Docusen and landed some hard rights, but after Bernard solved the local lad's style, he breezed in with his usual scintillating boxing exhibition.

Gene Gosney, 193, Forest Hills, paralyzed Frankie Thomas, 179, New York, in 1:05 of the first round of a slated eight-round semi-windup. A right to the chin turned the trick.

The Little Duke, Maxie Docusen, 129, New Orleans, outclassed Lou Daniels, 136, Bronx, the referee stopping the fray at 1:56 of the third heat. Another scheduled six saw Tony Bertucci, 154½, Brooklyn, score an impressive kayo over Roland Horne, 149½, Valley Stream, L. I., in 44 seconds of the third. A smashing left to the midsection spelled finis for Sonny's younger brother.

Johnny Ortega, 139½, New York, beat John Blasco, 136, East Side, and Joe Holmes, 136, Passaic, N. J., whipped Billy Nelson, 140¼, New York, in a pair of fours. George Walsh refereed, the judges were Bobby Dawson and Marty Monroe.

Johnny Colan, 173½, Hell's Kitchen blond belter, finally regained his old ranking as one of the leading light-heavyweight contenders when he finished fast and strong to nose out Billy Grant, 172½, Orange, N. J., in a corking ten-round mill at the St. Nicholas Arena.

The decision was split with Judge John Potter casting a dissenting ballot in favor of Grant, while Referee Frank Fullam and Judge Arthur Aidala voted for Colan. A crowd of 3,343 paid $8,742.

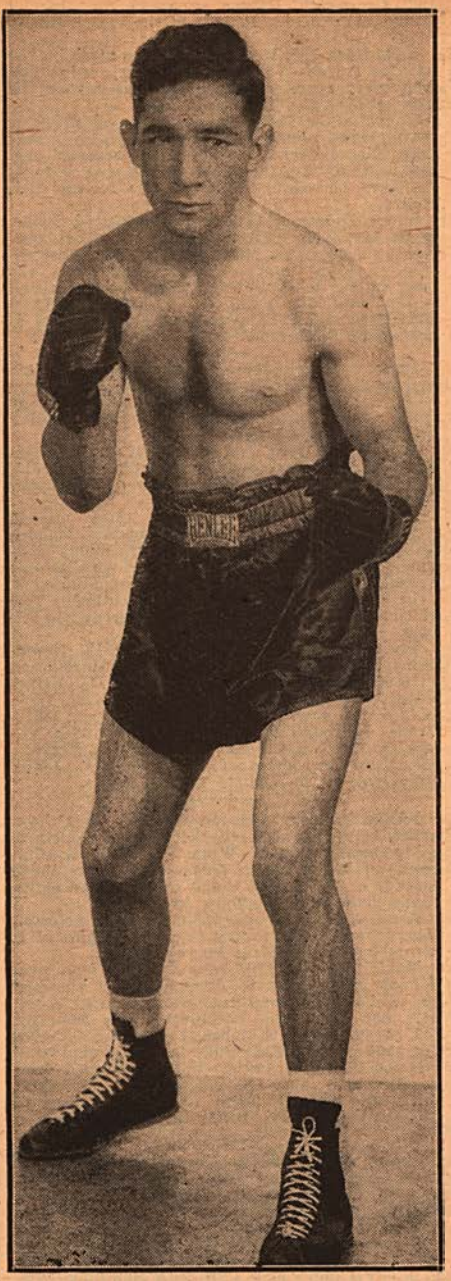
Grant rocked Johnny upon several occasions, but Colan outboxed him and outpunched him when it really counted, and poured it on in grand fashion to take the tenth round which won the fight for the local lad.

Sanders Cox, 188, Houston, Texas, had his hands full with Tony Gillo, 180½, New Haven, Conn., a squat individual who flustered the big Texan and won the plaudits of the crowd although losing an eight-round semi-final decision.

Jimmy Meeks, 191, Bronx, took permanent possession of Sid Cohen, 220, East Side, when he trounced the young, awkward giant for the third time this season. A sixer staged after the star bout went to Oscar Goode, 189, Newark, N. J., when he defeated Willie Hayes, 179½, Brooklyn.

In fours, John Cafarella, 150½, Greenwich Village, conquered Danny Ruggerio, 151, Yonkers, N. Y., and Joe Mason, 184, Pittsburgh, decisioned Earl Turner, 186, Harlem.

Ray Lewis, 132, classy Honolulu youngster, jabbed his way to a one-sided decision over Ruby



Willie Pep, world featherweight king who will fly to Havana, Cuba, on December 15 to engage Miguel Acevedo in a fight of ten rounds at Havana on December 21, which THE RING *Editor will referee.*

Garcia, 137, Puerto Rico, in the eight-round feature at Trinity Hall, Yonkers, before a crowd of 1,700.

Lewis had Garcia groggy as he effectively used a sharp right uppercut and crossed stinging rights in addition to scoring with his snappy jab. Referee Lou Boughton and Judges John Palermo and Bill Healy all voted for Lewis with only the last named official giving Garcia one round on his scoreboard.

Clyde English, 135, New York, defeated Artie DiPietro, 138, Brooklyn, in the eight-round semi-final.

Leonard Caesar, 141, Puerto Rico, won over Don Murray, 136, New Rochelle, N. Y., in a six spot, while John Terriano, 148, Norwalk, Conn., kayoed Earl Shaw, 142, Bronx, in 38 seconds of the third of another slated six.

Leon Sawyer, 140, Bronx, stopped Freddie Torres, 140, Puerto Rico, in 2:16 of the first round, and Frank Aufiro, 143, Brooklyn, won a sizzler from George Scott, 138, Harlem, in the four-round events.

Larry Cisneros, 139, Los Angeles, swarmed all over Joey Varoff, 136, East Side, to offset the latter's boxing skill in taking an eight-round decision before a packed house at the Broadway Arena.

Varoff got away to a grand start with effective jabs and cool boxing, but Cisneros wore the local lad down with severe body blows. Jack Watson was the third man in the ring.

Jimmy Warren, 133, Brooklyn, stopped Augie Lapara, 133, New Orleans, when the loser suffered a cut over his left eye and was not permitted to come up for the third round. This was an intended eight-round semi-final.

Walter Keene, 136, Pittsburgh, stopped Jimmy Mason, 130, Milwaukee, in 1:20 of the third of a listed six. In four-rounders Joe Gamby, 126, Coney Island, beat Jimmy Hegeman, 129, Brooklyn, Al Hirsch, 155½, East Side, outslugged Jerry Heimowitz, 153, Brownsville, and Charley Zack, 152½, West Side, thrashed Joe Carbo, 153, Brooklyn.

Harold Green, 154½, Brownsville, making his first New York start since the fiasco with Rocky Graziano which resulted in a year's suspension, plainly showed the need for more work as he finished strong to take a unanimous eight-round decision over Jerry Fiorello, 159, Brooklyn, before one of the largest crowds in the history of the Broadway Arena.

Green was rocked and shaken by several looping right uppercuts and left hand smashes, but had the upper hand most of the way as he forced the fighting. In the final frame Harold pinned his man against the ropes to win the round by a wide margin and garnered the votes of Referee Teddy Martin and Judges Mike Parisi and Anthony Lizcankie.

Ray Lewis, 133, Honolulu, defeated Jimmy Pierce, 139¼, Vancouver, B.C., in the eight-round semi-final which followed the main go.

Johnny Gebert, 129½, Freeport, L. I., stopped Joey Brocato, 132¼, East Side, in a riotous clash listed for six heats. The ref stopped it at 1:49 of the fifth, but not before stones, cigar butts and other missiles were hurled.

In a trio of fours Al Headley, 130, Bronx, won over Raul Roque, 125½, Puerto Rico, Jim Hegeman, 129½, Brooklyn, shaded Joe Gamby, 125½, Brooklyn, and Marvin Dick, 123½, Brooklyn, shellacked Larry Spencer, 118¾, New York.

Larry Cisneros, 136, Los Angeles crowdpleaser, encountered his toughest foe while winning his fourth fight in the East as Johnny Williams, 141, Montgomery, Alabama, extended him all the way before he earned a split ten-round decision at the St. Nicholas Arena.

A crowd of over 2,000 which paid $5,062, saw Williams outstep and outpunch Larry at long range, but the Coast clouter's vicious body barrage was too much for game Johnny. Referee Billy Cavanagh and Judge Joe Schechter voted for Cisneros, while Judge Jack Gordon tabbed Williams the winner.

Eddie Guarino, 159, Ozone Park, blasted Johnny Harvey, 162, Port Chester, N. Y., in 1:57 of the seventh of the scheduled eight-round semi-final.

Eska Mosely, 142½, Bronx, beat Vince DeMarco, 136¾, Brooklyn, in six heats, and Archie Devino, 121½, Newark, finished Georgie Wright, 122, Philadelphia, in 1:59 of the first.

Joe Murray, 141, Elmont, L. I., stopped Orlando Patino, 145, Mexico, in 1:52 of round one, and Eddie Brown, 148, Harlem, won a close one over Art McKenzie, 144¾, Bronx, in a lively four.

Despite two knockdowns, Willie Beltram, 135, Bronx, climbed another notch up the lightweight ladder as he earned the eight-round verdict over Juan Carrero, 140, Puerto Rico, at the Park Arena.

Beltram was dropped for a one-count in the first, and for six in the final frame. Beltram hurt Carrero with wicked right hand smashes and in the sixth dropped Juan for a count of two.

Johnny LaRusso, 129, Bronx, halted Tommy Monty, 128, Brooklyn, in 1:31 of the seventh round of the eight-round semi-final.

Jerry Heminger, 161½, Tiffin, Ohio, outpointed Dave Carver, 168½, Bronx, and Harold Stine, 131, Newark, kayoed Phil Thomas, 127, Bronx, in 2:16 of the sixth in a pair of slated six-round bouts.

Joe Holmes, 134, Passaic, defeated Joe Garcia, 130, Houston, in four rounds, and Danny Randy, 137, Greenwich Village, knocked out Johnny Ortega, 140, Bronx, in 2:04 of the second round.

Julie Bort, 138, Brooklyn, had too much on the ball for Aurelio Vasquez, 141, Puerto Rico, and won every round of an eight-round mill in the star setto at the Jamaica Arena.

Tony LaBua, 134½, Ozone Park, scheduled to travel eight rounds in the semi-windup fracas with Manuel Zurita, 127½, Mexico, required only two heats to stop the latter. Zurita was so badly punished, he was unable to come up for the third stanza.

Vince DeMarco, 137, Bronx, whipped Bobby Root, 134, Long Island City. Two other bouts ended in kayoes as Marvin Dick, 128, Brooklyn, stopped John Jameson, 134, Philadelphia, the loser failing to answer the gong for the second session, and Mike Santoni, 150, Astoria, finished Bill McDonald, 147, Vancouver, B. C., in 18 seconds of the second round.

Patsy Giovanelli, 140, Brooklyn, was too rough and tough for Vic Moreno, 139, Caracas, Venezuela, and dealt the willing Latin a severe body drubbing to easily win an eight-round decision at the Ridgewood Grove.

A crowd of 4,000 paid a gross of $6,800 to see Patsy win the unanimous verdict of Referee Jim Crowley and Judges Benny Nabors and Jimmy Riley.

Juan Serrano, 160, Havana, Cuba, winged punches from all angles to outgame Coolidge Miller, 162½, Brooklyn, in the eight-round semi-final. This was a vicious, dirty brawl with Referee Crowley threatening Miller with disqualification.

In a third eight spot, Freddie Graham, 157, Harlem, stopped Al Maggi, 156, Greenwich Village.

The veteran Ray Napolitano, 145½, Greenpoint, flattened Freddie Torres, 142, Harlem, in 1:18 of the second, Charlie Titone, 124½, Ridgewood, stopped Mike Trendler, 126, New York, in 2:49 of round three, Charley Grant, 146½, Bronx, kayoed Gerry Pura, 148, Greenwich Village, in 1:18 of the second, and Tony Ferrera, 129, Brooklyn, defeated Rudy Madora, 132½, Brooklyn, in the quartet of four spots.

Irving Palefsky 153, Bronx, left hook kayo artist, scored his eleventh victory in twelve starts as he briskly bopped Willie Odom, 144¾, Chicago, on the chops to flatten the Negro in 50 seconds of the second round of the slated eight-round main go at the Park Arena.

A capacity crowd saw Odom take a nine count then gamely arise to try to make a fight of it before another left sent him sprawling.

Maxie Docusen, 130, New Orleans, won over Johnny Johnson, 124½, Jersey City, in a special six, while in the semi-final eight, Charley Early, 147, San Francisco, outpointed Jim Kennedy, 149, West Side. Dave Cohen, 143, Bronx, defeated Joe LaScala, 144, East Side, in a six-round bout.

Ross Anzalone, 139½, Harlem, kayoed Ellsworth Simley, 138, Los Angeles, in 2:11 of the third, and Charley Zach, 152, West Side, beat Charley Frick, 150½, Bronx, in four rounds.

Jimmy Carollo, 202½, Corona, L. I., made it eight straight along the comeback trail when he earned a unanimous eight-round decision over Cliff Koerkle, 190, Bayonne, N. J., in the star bout at the Jamaica Arena.

Despite a cut over the left eye received in the fifth frame, Carollo continued to carry the action to Koerkle and shook Cliff with smashing lefts.

Sanders Cox, 188, Dallas, stopped Bob Miller, 189, Bronx, in 1:06 of the third of the scheduled eight-round semi-windup. Rube Jones, 166½, Norfolk, Va., outpointed Roy Snead, 165, Brooklyn, and Sid Cohen, 217, East Side, conquered Jimmy Jerome, 207, Newark, in a pair of sixes.

Joe Mason, 184, Pittsburgh, vanquished Earl Turner, 187, Harlem, and Mike Santonino, 150, Corona, beat Greg Hidalgo, 150, Puerto Rico, in fours.

The Forum Arena switching to Thursday nights from Saturday presented Lou Casiano, a last-minute sub for ailing Willie Beltram, and the Bronx youngster knocked out the veteran Vince Dell 'Orto, in 2:21 of the third round of a scheduled eight-round main event.

Casiano weighed 136, Dell 'Orto, 134½. An estimated crowd of 2,000 was on hand.

George B. Smith, 139¼, Bronx, outpointed Johnny Dudley, 139, Des Moines, Ia., and Bernie Bernard, 128, Bronx, defeated Leo LeBron, 122¼, Bronx, in two other eight-round affairs.

Ralph Procia, 126½, Bronx, halted Joe Chamelo, 130, Brooklyn, in 1:22 of the last round of a listed four.

At the Ridgewood Club's weekly show, Gene Gosney, the promising heavyweight from Forest Hills, added to his knockout record when he took Harry Berntsen of Brooklyn into camp. The newcomer made it four in a row when he halted his opponent in the fourth round. It was Gosney's first main event, something unusual, as previously he had engaged in only three contests.

Gosney displayed speed and a good wallop. With proper development, he is certain to hold his own with the best of the younger crop of heavyweights.

In the semi-final bout of eight rounds, Tommy Marra, a promising New York middleweight, defeated Arthur Mott.

The St. Nicholas Arena had Pete Mead of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Tiny Riccio of Bayonne, New Jersey, as the headliners on November 4 and before a gathering of 3,015 fans who paid $7,146, Petey scored his seventh victory out of eight fights, winning the unanimous decision. Mead fired away at a rapid rate and bombarded his opponent with enough punches to drop the average fighter, yet he could not put Riccio down even once. Mead scaled 156½ to his opponent's 149¾.

In the semi-windup of eight rounds, Jimmy Evans, 178½, stopped Rex Wakefield, 179½, in 2.39 of the second round. The victim hails from Smithtown Branch, L. I.

In two sixes, Billy Lee, 146¾, Englewood, N. J., and Paul Tine of Englewood, N. J., fought a draw and De Witt Dean, 155, of Detroit, stopped Petro Bass, 159½, of Baltimore, in 1.32 of the second.

In two fours, Paddy Young, 141, Greenwich Village, knocked out Radamus Freyar, 137½, Puerto Rico, in 1.34 of the first and Jimmy Jackson, 156, the Bronx, stopped Jerry Heimowitz, 153, Brooklyn, in 2.14 of the second.

Tony LaRocca, of Jamaica, stretched his winning streak to twenty-one straight by taking a split decision over Donald Murray of the Bronx, in the six-round main attraction at the Jamaica Arena. Tony, who has eleven kayoes to his credit this year, lacked the dynamite that he has exhibited in past bouts. Murray took everything that La Rocca had to offer and gave almost as much in return. La Rocca was the victor but the margin of triumph was slight.

La Rocca weighed 140 to Murray's 135.

In the six-round semi-final, Tony La Bua, 135, Ozone Park, chilled Lou Daniels, 134, Bronx, in 2:02 of the second. In other sixes, Tony DeRosa, 148, Astoria, took the nod over Eli DeLoach, 145, East Side, and Andy Peppe, 171½, Greenwich Village, defeated Leroy McQueen, 164½, Brooklyn.

In a four-rounder Mike Bitet of Ozone Park kayoed William Sawyer of the Bronx in 0:58 of the second frame. Bitet, 123; Sawyer, 119. The four-round opener saw Leon Sawyer, 140, of the Bronx, get the decision over Ray Napolitano, 148, of Brooklyn.

Freddie Flores of Jamaica outboxed Joey LaMotta of the Bronx in a biff-bam eight-round feature attraction at the Park Arena. 3,300 boxing fans saw Flores take the decision from a willing LaMotta, who for the second time, was unable to fathom the style of Flores. Freddie stopped Joey in their previous meeting in the fourth, when the Boxing Commission's Dr. Michael Stakenivitch, ruled that cuts over both of LaMotta's eyes were too severe to allow the contest to continue. Flores weighed 161 to LaMotta's 159.

In the semi-final event scheduled for eight rounds James Carter, 134, Bronx, put the quietus on Bill Williams, 139½, Harlem, in 1.43 of the seventh.

Charley Donovan, 135½, East Side, defeated Bobby Root, 133, Corona, in six. Mike Verrengia, 166, Coney Island, took the decision from Edco Greenwood, 162, New York, and Jimmy Savarese, 215, Bronx, received the nod over Earl Turner, 190, Harlem, in four rounders.

Johnny Williams, 143½, took a split decision from Lenny (Boom Boom) Mancini, 147½, in a fast action eight-round main event at the Broadway Arena. Neither of the boys scored knockdowns nor were they any the worse for wear at the end of the bout. Both Williams and Mancini were out for blood, since each had been handed setbacks in their last time out. Williams lost a ten-round decision to Larry Cisneros while Boom Boom was defeated over the same route by Harry Hurst.

Referee Ray Miller voted four for Williams, two for Mancini and two even. Judge Bobby Dawson's card showed four rounds for Lenny, three for Williams and one even. Judge Dave Stewart gave five to Williams, two to Mancini and called one round even.

In the eight-round semi-final George Smith, 139¼, took the duke from Johnny Vann, 144. Nick Kashuba, 154, kayoed Tommy Burke, 154, in the fourth of a scheduled six. In the four rounders, Billy McDonald, 147½, defeated Eddie Brown, 145; Joe Carbo, 153, knocked out King David, 156, in the second and Billy Smith, 137½, outpointed Danny Randy, 135½.

Tito Valles, 124, the baby faced battler from Brooklyn, brother of Lou, both managed by Rocky Graziano, fought a draw with Joe Garcia, 131, of Houston, Texas, in six action packed sessions. The bout stole the spotlight away from the three featured windups at the Ridgewood Grove.

The three main events of eight rounds each finished as follows: J. C. Wilkens, Bronx middleweight, defeated Coolidge Miller of Brooklyn; Al Pennino, lightweight from Red Hook, got the nod over Walter "Cabey" Lewis of Brooklyn; Leo Milito, East Side featherweight, stopped Manuel Zurita of Mexico City in three rounds. Bout was halted because of Zurita's cut eye.

In another six rounder, Jimmy Mangia, East Side middleweight, beat Charley Finley of Harlem.

The four round opener saw Sammy Chernoff, Brownsville featherweight, outpoint Wendell Douglas of the Bronx.

Two thousand fans were present at the Forum

Arena to witness Rocco Rossano, 143½, of Brooklyn, gain his second triumph over Juan Carrero, 138½, of Puerto Rico, in the eight round feature attraction. In their previous encounter at the Trinity Auditorium Rossano took the laurels via a unanimous decision in eight frames.

In the scheduled eight round semi-final, Pete Kennedy, 148, Elmsford, N. Y., starched Carl Stein, 139¼, Bronx, in 1:58 of the third. Stein was dropped in the second and was saved by the bell. In the next session Stein was dumped for the seven count and when he struggled to his feet Referee Barney Felix stepped in to halt the contest.

In six rounds, Joe Scala, 144, Harlem, drew with Herbie Morris, 148, also of Harlem.

John Jamison, 129¼, of New York, defeated Joe Ciaramella, 132¾, of Brooklyn; Charlie Frick, 150½, Bronx, got the nod over Louis Spurtis, 149, New York; Len Halton, 140, St. Louis was kayoed by Russ Anzalone 138¾, Harlem, in 1:41 of the first in scheduled four round bouts.

Bernard Docusen, New Orleans welterweight, had an easy time defeating Vince La Salva of Mount Vernon in the feature bout of eight rounds at the St. Nicholas arena before a gathering of 3622 fans who paid $10,691 to witness the bout. Docusen scaled 144 to 147½ for his opponent. Judges Marty Monroe and Artie Schwartz awarded all eight rounds to Docusen, while Referee Ruby Goldstein had it seven rounds for Docusen and one even.

The New Orleans warrior landed many solid rights on La Salva's jaw. He shook Vinnie once or twice, but was unable to bring him down.

In the six-round semi-final Johnny Dudley, 140½, Harlem, scored a knockout victory over Don Amoroso, 133¾, Jersey City, in 0:32 of the fifth. Referee Ruby Goldstein stopped the bout because of a cut over Amoroso's left eye.

Phil Burton, 143½, St. Louis, stopped Leon Kennedy, 149¾, Dayton, Ohio, in 2:19 of the fifth in a bout scheduled for six and Maxie Docusen, 130, New Orleans, outpointed Tony Ferrara, 131¾, Brooklyn, in six.

Horace Bailey, 151¼, Harlem, won from Lew Perez, 155¾, Puerto Rico, in 2:16 of the opening round when Referee Goldstein disqualified Perez for falling to his knees twice without being knocked down. In another four-rounder, Jimmy Hegeman, 128½, Brooklyn, defeated Joe Gamby, 125, Coney Island.

One of the fastest and most keenly contested battles of the St. Nick season found Johnny Dell, Brooklyn lightweight, taking the lead in his series with Jose Aponte Torres of Puerto Rico. The rivals had previously split two decisions, and their third meeting still failed to produce a definite decision. Dell, despite a pronounced advantage in weight, was hard pressed all the way by the rugged, aggressive Puerto Rican, and at the close of the tenth round the officials divided their votes, the referee and one of the judges giving Dell the edge and the other judge polling for Torres. Dell scaled in at 134 to his opponent's 127½. The attendance, 2,480, represented the smallest turnout of the year at the popular West Sixty-Sixth Street swatatorium.

In the semi-final, listed for eight rounds, Vincent Villavicencio, 161, of Mexico City, outclassed Rudy Giscombe, also 161, and stopped him in 57 seconds of the fifth round after handing him a terrific lacing all the way. In a bout cut from six to four rounds, Edward White, 134, of Newark, whipped Joe Holmes, 135, of Passaic, while in two fours Al Headley, 130½, of the Bronx, outpointed George La Falgio, 128, also of the Bronx, and Edco Greenwood, 161, of New York, defeated Don Anderson, 162½, of the Bronx.

With the moral support of Rocky Graziano, who worked in his corner, Lou Valles, 146, East Side protege of the Rock, battered his way to a technical knockout over Vic Costa, 147½, of the Bronx, in 2:29 of the seventh round of a scrap listed for eight frames at the Broadway Arena. Referee Jack Appel halted hostilities after Costa had absorbed a brutal beating. A knockout also wound up another scheduled eight when Jimmy Warren, 133, flattened Paul Zenit, 137, in 2:11 of the opening stanza.

In one of the sixes, Joey D'Amato, promising Youngstown welter, chalked up his thirteenth straight win by taking the decision over Aurillo Vasquez, 141; while in four-rounders, Charley Zack, 150, whipped Leroy Epps, 145½; Jerry Carbo, 153, knocked out James Lorenzo, 157½, in the first, and Paddy Young, 140½, flattened Eddie Simley, 136, in the third. Close to 500 wounded war veterans from several local hospitals sat in on the festivities, guests of the club.

Irving Palefsky of the Bronx took a split decision over Freddie Addeo of Brooklyn in the eight round feature event at the Park Arena. The bout was a free punching affair with Palefsky coming on strongly in the latter rounds to gain the decision. Palefsky pulled the weights at 150½ to Addeo's 147½. A crowd of 3,200 attended.

In the scheduled eight round semi-final, Russ Hawkins, 151, Jamaica, kayoed Freddie Graham, 156, Bronx, in 2:45 of the fourth.

Billy Reed, 125¾, of Harlem, finished off Carlos Manza, 123½, Mexico City, in 2:24 of the first of a scheduled six. In the four rounders Billy McDonald, 149, Vancouver, B.C., won over Jimmy Cartelli, 154, of Brooklyn, and Nick Mistovich, 139½, Youngstown, Ohio, defeated Billy Griffin, 140½, Bronx.

Jimmy Carollo, 205, Corona, scored his ninth straight victory by taking an eight round decision over Johnny White, 208½, Jersey City, at the Jamaica Arena before a capacity crowd of 3,000.

In the semi-final six, Davey Cohen, 141½, the Bronx, was the winner over Billy Nelson, 144, Harlem. Another six returned Luther McMillen, 173¾, Jamaica, victor over Henry Holley, 176, Brooklyn, and in a four Mike Verrangio, 164¼, Coney Island, outpointed Eddie Reape, 165¼, the Bronx.

Joe Murray, 142½, Elmont, L. I., put away George Montgomery, 147½, Cleveland, in 0:58 of the second, and Charley Frick, 151½, the Bronx, stopped Mike Santaniano, 150, Corona, in 0:54 of round one.

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in another 10 rounder. Phil Terranova whipped Willie Roache, 10.

Fabela Chavez whipped Lorenzo Safora, 10. Jackie Weber chilled Oliver Desmarais, 1. Spider Armstrong bossed Freddie Polowitzer, 10, Billy Pinti, 10, and Allie Wolfe, 10. Jackie Wilson outpointed Luis Castillo, 10. Nick Stato drew with Georgie Dunn, 10.

Lou Alter upset Pat Brady, 10, and Clint Miller, 10. Clint Miller stopped Sal Scarnavacca, 6. Tito Valles halted Clem Rodriquez, 2, but lost to Freddie Herman, 6. Davey Allen outfought Joey Fontana, 8. Chico Morales beat Jackie Callura, 10.

Freddie Steele drew with Joey Dolan, 10. Eddie Compo beat Leo LeBrun, 10.

Humbert Sierra chilled Woody Woodcock, 6. Dave Hernandez defeated Ramon Alva, 10, and Alva was chilled by Speedy Cabanella in 10. Jimmy McAllister halted Alfie Wolf, 3. Angelo Ambrosano scored over Tommy Monty, 8. McAllister lost to Biff Jones in 10.

Willie Alexander outboxed Paul Febbo, 8. Clem Custer and George Adams drew in six. Buddy Hayes whipped Francis Leonard, 10, Henry Polowitzer, 10, and Bobby English, 10.

Charley Cabey Lewis decisioned Johnny Forte, 10. Eddie Compo outscored Leo LeBrun, 10. Pat Iacobucci defeated Benny May, 10. Arthur King whipped Blond Tiger, 8. Bobby Richards whipped Jimmy Conti, 8.

Leo Mucucci drew with Tony Costa, 10. Dino Bleta knocked out Joey Iannotti, 1, and Charlie Grant, 1. Juan Leanos whipped Joe Robleto, 10. Lloyd Hudson stopped Paul Herrick, 9.

Lou Transparenti beat Jackie Cunningham, 8. Angelo Rogers drew with Ed Thomas, 6. Leonardo Lopez drew with Ernesto Aguilar, 12. Lou Casiano outscored Willie Weasel, 8. Joey Kushner chilled Doug McDonald, 6.

Miguel Acevedo whipped Lino Garcia in a 15-round Cuban featherweight title scrap. Leo Milito stopped Manuel Zurita, 3.

Bantamweights:

Champion Manuel Ortiz bowed to Carlos Chavez in a 12 round overweight contest.

Theo Medina won the bantamweight championship of Europe by stopping World's Flyweight King, Jackie Paterson, in 4 rounds. Ernesto Aguilar, Mexican Bantamweight King, decisioned Jorge Robles, 10. Luis Galvani beat Robles, 10. Tony Olivera whipped Georgie Freitas, 10, but lost to Joey Dolan, 10.

Sal Farrillo defeated Larry Spencer, 4. Jackie Turner defeated Kenny Lindsay, 10. Teddie O'Neil lost to Charlie Carr, 8.

Clyde Daniel knocked out Young Abrigo, 8. Pee Wee Flores drew with Ernest Noques, 10. Bunty Doran outpointed Norman Lewis, 10, while Lewis chilled Jeff Smith, 3.

Tony Rojo stopped Raoul Rojos, 3. Earl Roys chilled Jackie Cohen, 2. Eddie Gibbs drew with Harold Gausman, 8. Billy Alexander beat Kid Pancho, 12.

Willie Anderson outpointed Al Ellis, 10.

Tiger Aman knocked out Mickey Carr, 6. Eddie McCullagh defeated Ted Berry, 8. Johnny Boreham beat Sid Coulson, 6.

Benny Mien drew with Billy Andrews, 6. Nick Decker chilled Willie Donard, 2. Manolito Kid whipped Pee Wee Flores, 8. Chino Alvarez halted Orlando Fernandez, 8.

Stan Rowan knocked out Len Coffin, 5. Syd Wegg kayoed Percy Storer, 1. Fernande Gagnon, Canadian Bantamweight Champion, was held to a 10 round draw by Teddy Swain. Johnny Greig beat Ron Holland on a foul in 8.

Jean Richard won over Augie Lapara, 10.

Speedy Cabanella knocked out Kenny Lindsay, 2.

Flyweights:

Rinty Monaghan won a foul from Sam Reynolds, 6. Baby Mickey beat Monito Flores, 10, and Babe Zaragoza, 10. Stumpy Butwell whipped Roy Andrew, 12. Armando Puentes Pi kayoed Luis Reyes, 3.

Dado Marino came back after a long layoff to whip Val Valentine, 8. Frankie Branchetti outpointed Al Ellis, 8. Mickey Hill whipped Mok Kai Khoen, 12.

Jackie Fairclough knocked out Dick McFadden, 3. Billy Hazelgrove drew with Mickey Jones, 8. Charlie Waters beat Gus Harris, 6. Jimmy Gill whipped Joe Curran, 10, and Alf Hughes, 8. Jacky Bryce beat Alex Murphy, 8. Billy Davies beat Hayden Jones, 8.

Baby Mickey whipped Monito Flores, 10, Babe Zaragoza, 10, Armando Puentes Pi on a disqualification in 9, and then beat Luis Reyes in 10 heats.

IN SYRACUSE RINGS

By BILLY SHAW

PRENTISS HALL, 167½, Buffalo Negro, won an eight-round decision over Wild Oscar Boyd, 160, Buffalo, in the wind-up at the Brighton Theatre. The scrap drew 1,700 fans, who paid $2,800 to see the Bison City boys work out. Wildest thing about Oscar on this memorable evening was his punch swinging. Boyd missed, either by design or accident, most of the heavy duty punches he let fly. Hall proved a smart boxer, who, with the right handling, should go places. He held the upper hand most of the way, although Boyd bruised Hall about the face in the final session. Boyd was introduced from "Lackawanna, N. Y.," although he resides in Buffalo. The bout proved one thing. The boxers were no strangers to each other.

Leon Shepherd, 154, Brooklyn, knocked out Vinnie Vines, 158, Schenectady, in the second round of a scheduled ten-round star bout at Troy. In a special six on this card, Hugo Bonacci, 154, free-swinging Syracuse middleweight club fighter, knocked out Earl Taylor, 154, Albany, in the fifth of a scheduled six-rounder.

At Binghamton, Tommy Mills, 145, Valley Stream, L. I., outpointed Rudy Campa, 146¼, Los Angeles, in eight fast rounds.

Joey Kushner, veteran Syracuse featherweight, flattened Doug McDonald, Glens Falls boxer, in the sixth round of a bout billed for eight at Johnstown, N. Y. Hugo Bonacci, Syracuse middleweight, stopped Wild Bill Franklin, Albany, in the second round of a go slated for six.

Results of the prelims on the Hall-Boyd card here follow: Nick Barone, 170, Syracuse, stopped Jackson Bradley, 168, Buffalo, in 2:04 of the first round. Joey Kushner, 129, Syracuse, knocked out Doug McDonald, 131½, Glens Falls, in the third. It was their first meeting, Kushner repeating in a return go at Johnstown. Tom Stenhouse, 134¾, Buffalo, knocked out Otis Walker, 143, Cleveland, O., in 2:03 of the third round. Harold Victory, 133, Eastwood, kayoed Billy Carpenter, 128, Elmira, in 1:38 of the third round. Bobby Grant, 147, Pittsburgh, put away Joe Brown, 153, Syracuse, in 2:45 of the third heat. Frankie Simpson, 133¾, Syracuse, stiffened Johnny Korzak, 135, Syracuse, in 45 seconds of the third round.

Due to illness we were unable to carry all bouts that took place in this section during the past month. However, in the next issue we will cover them all. In the last bout staged in Syracuse before we went to press, Prentiss Hall, Buffalo, knocked out Jimmy Nelson, Providence, R. I., in the third round of a scheduled eight-round wind-up. We will have lots of news for you, and a surprise announcement on the opening of a new boxing club here.

BOXING AND WRESTLING IN EDMONTON AND CALGARY, CAN.

By WALT MARLOW

SEVEN hundred Edmonton fans turned out to see Andy Aldi's initial promotion on November 5, and were treated to a first class show. Held at the American Red Cross hut, it drew a gross gate of $727, and if not for the limited seating capacity—1000 were left on the outside—Aldi and company would in all probability have grossed more than $2000.

Benny Geary, western Canada's No. 1 welterweight, stopped Vic Pollock in the second and in doing so, earned for himself an immediate shot at the vacant western Canada title.

Georgie Mazurinko and Billy Smith, making their professional debuts, gave the fans the best fight of the night. Appearing in the four-round special event, Mazurinko floored the courageous Smith three times before putting him away in the fourth.

In the two four-round preliminaries, Dusty Rhodes, 140, scored over Sterling Tyler, 134, and Eddie Heidt, 167, beat Jack Murray, 156.

Calgary—Joe Trudeau, 167, knocked out Eddie Coleman, 169, in the fourth round of a light-heavyweight championship fight for the western Canada title. Held at Victoria Pavilion, the title contest drew a capacity house, and the card as a whole was one of the best seen in Calgary in years.

Ray Colling, former western Canada middleweight champion, stopped Bobby Geary, Edmonton, in the second round. Results of the remaining bouts were:

Billy Green, 137, decisioned Eddie Helm, 143; Laddie Dawn, 143, decisioned Joe Noselski, 144; Ab Dalke, 158, and Harry Puller, 164, drew; Max Leason, 120, and Wayne Anderson, 120, drew; Ronnie Leopold, 60, and Reg Hurst, 60, drew.

All unattached fighters should contact Walt Marlow, 10361-98 St., Edmonton, Canada.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By HARRY WINKLER

A GREAT fighter is seldom beaten and that is why this column is chronicling, only for the second time since he won the title on August 7, 1942—the defeat of Manuel Ortiz. Both losses were to featherweights. Willie Pep won over Manuel on July 7, 1944, and now Carlos Chavez has caught up with the little champ. It was the fifth time that Ortiz and Chavez had clashed, but the first time that Carlos emerged the winner.

Chavez is a good fighter and we do not mean to belittle his feat, but both weight and age played a part in Ortiz's defeat. Manuel packed too much weight, he is 30 years old and has been fighting for 11 years. This fifth meeting, a 12-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic, while a good fight, it was not as fast or thrilling as their previous clashes, two of which will be remembered as among the best in recent years.

It was the same Chavez in there against the champ, but Ortiz did not have either the speed, accuracy or stamina of other times. Whereas, Ortiz used to come on like Malicious in the stretch, he faded badly in the late rounds in this fight. Chavez spilled the champ for a 1-count in the second round and punished Manuel in the 8th and 9th heats. This witness tabbed Chavez with 7 of the rounds, gave Ortiz 3 and called 2 even. The bout, billed as for the state featherweight title, attracted a crowd of 10,000 and grossed over $35,000. Chavez weighed 126, Ortiz 125.

In the semi-final, Richie Mendoza, 130, won decisively over Sammy Williams, 129, in an uninteresting 6-rounder. The bout was a drab affair, due to Williams clinching and reluctance to lead.

In the 4-rounders; Johnny Gardea, 163, decisioned Gene Simmons, 167, Indianapolis; Kenny Vint, 147, Kokomo, Ind., beat Joe Moore, 149; Paul Cavanerro, 185, San Francisco, defeated Dale Hall, 188. A bout between Mike Augustain, 149, and Martin Evans, 150, was declared a technical draw in the second round because of an eye cut suffered by Augustain, due to a butt.

Although he won all ten rounds, closed his opponent's left eye and buckled his knees on numerous occasions, Jerry McSwain, 192, Los Angeles, could not upset Eddie Reed, 221, Fresno Negro, in their clash at the San Diego Coliseum. Reed, built like a tank, is as hard to upset. Although the Fresnoan did not land a telling blow and did little offensive milling, he proved game, as well as tough, by giving little ground, for, the handsome Irishman was punching hard, as well as often.

In the semi of six rounds, Freddie Long of Inglewood, although outweighed by ten pounds, copped a close decision over Chick Musgrove, San Diego.

Torito Ramos KO'ed Sid Hitchens in the first heat. The weight handicap counted in this one; Jake Green decisioned Ray McBride in four; Emmett Holland disposed of Cowboy Provencio in round one.

Without taking a deep breath, Fabela Chavez probably punched Roscoe Scally back in the prelim ranks by stopping the Pasadena Negro in the second round of their bout at the Hollywood Stadium. Chavez jabbed and hooked Scally at will all during the opening heat, Roscoe not being able to protect himself against the Mexican kid's fast delivery, or to get set to fire any punches of his own.

Fabela fed Scally even more leather in the second, using a short, fast right, along with the left jabs and hooks, which was too much for Roscoe to endure. A few of these rights caused the Pasadena boy to give ground. Chavez moved in and staggered Scally into the ropes, where Roscoe slumped over the middle strand. With head outside the ring, he held both gloves to his face and remained in that position while counted out. Each weighed 132.

In the six-round semi-final, Edgar Robinson, 158, Phoenix, Ariz., Negro, was awarded a very unpopular decision over Bob Castro, 152, Los Angeles. The crowd loudly booed the verdict.

In other bouts, Ramon Alva, 127, and Bernardo Ramirez, 132, fought to a draw in four; Clyde Coyhis, 148, decisioned Ray Thomas, 145, in four; Jesse Hall, 185, KO'ed J. Q. Jackson, 190, in the third; Phil Williams, 125, was awarded the nod over Leonard Marquez, 126, in the opener.

Thirty seconds after the opening bell, Arturo Barron, 139, Los Angeles, caught Chino Carvajal, 134, Tijuana, on the point of the chin with an uppercut that dropped him as though he had been shot. However, Carvajal regained his feet at the count of nine, but in a defenseless state and Barron was punching him unmercifully when the referee stopped it.

In supporting bouts; Al Lucey, 205, decisioned Bob Scott, 204, in the semi, four; Jay Wall, 157, stopped Bobcat Lee, 161, three; Clyde Coyhis, 147, disposed of Flash Gordon, 146, three; Al Sandoval, 137, whipped Harry Cole, 138, four; Hilton Edgehill, 158, nodded Howard Todome, 161, four.

Fitzie Fitzpatrick and Watson Jones engaged in their "rubber" match, with the Irishman emerging head man. Fitzie rocked Jones to sleep in the ninth round of this third meeting in the Los Angeles Olympic ring. Fitzpatrick forced the milling most of the way and had garnered seven of the eight rounds contested. Watson fought only in spurts and tired badly in the late rounds.

Jones went all out for a kayo win in the third and gave Fitzie a bad time of it. He staggered the Virginian into the ropes, opened a cut over his eye and forced the Irishman to clinch. But Watson used up all his B-Complex in that effort and he boxed mostly on defense thereafter. There were some furious exchanges, but they were brief. Fitzie gave the Negro clouter a drubbing in the fifth, sixth and seventh rounds.

Both were tired in the eighth and there were few blows struck. The ninth heat had hardly started when Fitzie nailed Watson with a smashing left hook on the jaw that flattened him for the full count. Fitzpatrick weighed 176, Jones 171.

In the semi-final, Henry Rich, 164, hit Gene Simmons, 165, Indianapolis, with everything the law allows, but could not stow him away. Rich dropped Simmons for a one-count in the first heat and had the man from Indiana limp and dizzy in every one of the six rounds.

Other results; Al Lucey, 211, iced Jesse McGowen, 189, in the first heat; Ralph Lee, 160, decisioned Shorty Morgan, 165, in four; Ernie Woods, 163, flattened Les Arterbridge, 160, in the second; Henry Evaro, 115, and Sal Palacious, 116, fought four fast rounds to a draw.

Although he didn't cop a round of the first five, Georgie Duke, 151, Petaluma, made the going so tough for Ben Evans, 145, Tulsa, that he was able to pound out a win over the Oklahoman in the last five rounds of their bout at Fresno. Evans was the better boxer, but Duke proved too tough and rugged. It was a bristling setto, with the battlers continuing to fight after the bell in several of the rounds.

In supporting bouts; Erskine Howell, 149, Fresno Negro, bested Red Terry, 158, Los Angeles, in a slugfest, six; Jake Green, 180, Fresno, KO'ed Preston Hodges, 179, Fresno, one; Herman Bounds, 165, Los Angeles, was awarded an unpopular decision over Del Silva, 161, Fresno, four; Freddie Long, 146, Inglewood, disposed of Clyde Tennant, 145, Fresno, one.

The highly-touted Charley Smith, Newark, N. J., Negro, fell far short of expectations in his California debut. His record and gym workouts indicated that he would outclass, and probably stop Vic Grupico in their ten-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. However, Smith's boxing was as commonplace as his name. Grupico's south-paw stance might have had something to do with Smith's disappointing performance.

The Italian boxer forced the milling throughout. Vic slipped Smith's potent right, crowded in close where he out-smarted the eastern boxer at infighting. Grupico plastered Charley lustily in the final three rounds, to win by a comfortable margin, yet, one of the judges, by some queer figure manipulation, had Smith ahead by one point and voted the go a draw. Fortunately, the referee and other judge tabbed it correctly. Grupico weighed 137, Smith 134.

In the semi-final, Ernie Woods, 165, stopped Titus Hawkins, 173, San Diego, in the fourth round. Woods led in every round and dropped Hawkins twice.

In remaining prelims; Dario Barron, 140, whipped Wilfred Scott, 139, in four; Jesse Hall, 187, Seattle, laced Fred Wermy, 199, Oklahoma Indian, in a four; Bobby Volk, 159, decisioned Johnny Hunt, 160, in four; Eddie Warren, 125, won by a TKO over Ruperto Garcia, 128, of Mexico, in the first heat.

Gene Felton, 190, Los Angeles, upset Rusty Payne, 183, San Diego, and the dope bucket at the same time when he floored Payne for a nine count in the final round at the San Diego Coliseum. It had been a bruising, see-saw battle, with honors about even at end of ninth. Payne was rushing Felton when Gene caught him with a murderous upper-cut to the chin that put him on the deck. Rusty came back swinging, but could not overcome the knockdown, and Felton was declared the winner.

Other results; Jesse Hall, 187, Seattle Negro, defeated Francis Ogg, 175, Sacramento, in six-round semi-final; Benny Cordova, 165, Albuquerque, N. M., stopped Ralph Lee, 160, Los Angeles Negro, in three; Flash Gordon, 145, and Jose Silva drew in six; Ishmael Hannefan, 140, and Beto Arce fought a draw in four; Jorge Soliz KO'ed Bill Daughtry in the opener.

In a fast-moving, cleverly fought ten-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena, Midget Jones of New Orleans, punched out a close win over Leroy Willis of Detroit. Both are Negro boxers. Each weighed 134.

In other bouts; Johnny Gardea, 162, decisioned Bob Hawkins, 169, in the four-round semi; Fred Wermy, 199, KO'ed Terry Redwine, 180, in the second; Howard Todome, 161, and Red Terry, 158, slugged to a draw in four; Tino Wilson, 131, nodded Len Marquez, 127, in a four; Bobby Corbett, 155, stopped Leon Lewis, 153, in two.

Los Angeles fans were somewhat disappointed over the showing of Freddie Schott of Paterson, N. J., who was beaten by Joe Kahut of Woodburn, Oregon, in a ten-rounder at the Olympic. Having compiled a good record and being nationally known, much was expected of Schott, so, it was quite a jolt to find him just another heavyweight, one who was both slow and awkward. Freddie missed most of his punches, and those that he did land were mainly over the kidneys or back of the neck.

Schott should have beaten Kahut on size alone, as he outweighed Joe by 32 pounds and towered over the Oregonian as Kahut would have over a welterweight. The contrast in size was so great that it would not have been a ridiculous picture had Schott picked Kahut up and spanked him. However, big Freddie wasn't whipping little Joe, either ridiculously or sublimely. Kahut jabbed, hooked and upper-cutted his huge foe, to cop seven of the ten rounds. Kahut weighed 182, Schott 214.

In the semi-final, Billy (Gunner) Mitchell, 163, decisioned Garfield Coleman, 162, in a hard fought six-rounder.

In remaining prelims; Johnny Gardea, 162, nodded Gene Simmons, 167, in four; Eddie Warren, 124, defeated Ramiro Lopez, 127, in four; Roy Lewis, 140, stopped Pete Montez, 138, in the second; Jay Wall, 157, beat Red Terry, 160, in the opener.

J. Q. Jackson, 187, fast improving young Negro of Los Angeles, added Bob Scott, 203, to his list of victims, in stopping the latter in the second round of the feature bout at the Whittier Arena, Pico.

In other bouts, all four-rounders; Mike Augustain, 151, defeated Dallas Sessions, 155; Freddie Long, 145, won over Carlos Garcia, 142; Bobby Volk, 161, KO'ed Shorty Padilla, 157, in the first round; Bobby Taylor, 142, decisioned Martin Flores, 145; Al Neria, 134, whipped Frankie Martinez, 134; Ramiro Lopez, 130, and Benny O'Neal, 135, fought a draw.

Major Jones, Kansas City's promising Negro welter, made his second visit to California, this time with the blessing of our Athletic Commission. Jones came out here to start on a professional career over two years ago, when but 16 years old. He had won three fights when someone back in K.C. informed local authorities of his age and Major had to do his boxing in other states. He came back as a main-eventer and Chester Slider of Oakland was pitted against Jones at the Hollywood Stadium.

Slider was completely outclassed and the bout, as a whole, was not an exciting one, due to Slider's reluctance to lead. Chester discovered early in the go that he was in over his head, being staggered in the opening heat and spilled in the second. Chester rushed out at the bell in the seventh to deck Jones with an overhand right on the back of the head, but Major arose immediately to put Slider on the defensive and win the round.

Slider, an aggressive fighter, as a rule, found Jones' southpaw style a problem and the Oaklander received considerable punishment the few times he did force the milling. Jones, weighing 146, was credited with nine of the ten rounds. Slider came in at 150.

In the semi-final, Jackie Byrd, 148, Blytheville, Ark., won by TKO over Morris Corona, 143, Port Arthur, Texas, in the third round, due to an eye cut. It had been a sizzling go and fought on even terms up until the Texan's injury.

In the four-rounders, Joe Alvano, 129, decisioned Bernardo Ramirez, 130; Rudy Davila, 151, looked very good in his pro debut, stopping Billy Mayfield, 156, in the third; Jess Salazar, 132, and Benny O'Neil, 130, fought a draw; Len Marquez, 128, drew with Frankie Martinez, 129.

For want of a better attraction, Promoter Al Dermer, of Fresno, featured two local boxers in a pair of eight-rounders. Eddie Reed, 222, Fresno Negro, disposed of Jess McGowen, 190, Los Angeles, in the first heat of one feature bout; Darnell Carter, 135, Texas Negro, decisioned Abel Lucero, 130, Fresno, in the other.

Reed tore out at the bell and whaled away with both fists, not giving McGowen a chance to get started and after belting Jess around for a minute, put him down for the count with a right to the jaw.

The Carter-Lucero go was an uninteresting one, due to much clinching. Both landed a few solid blows in the early rounds, but tired, then held instead of punching. The bout became so slow that many of the fans left before it was over.

Other results; Erskine Howell, 149, defeated Malcolm Smith, 154, four; Jake Green, 179,

KO'ed Iron Man Turner, 171, two; Jim Pennington, 150, stopped Mickey Wallace, 149, one, then came back in the ring to oppose Wallace Batie, 150. Jim didn't have as good luck in this second effort, losing by TKO in the opening round, due to an eye cut.

A large crowd turned out to see their new idol, Jerry McSwain, belt out Ira Hughes, Oakland Negro, but they didn't want it done so easily and the match turned out to be a bad one for the handsome Irishman. McSwain, 190, disposed of Hughes, 183, in 1:27 of the opening round at the San Diego Coliseum. The Oaklander swung a few punches, which McSwain easily avoided. Jerry then cut Hughes' lip with a left hook and put him down with a right. The fans expressed their displeasure.

In two six-rounders, Chick Musgrove, San Diego, beat Dallas Sessions, Los Angeles; Irvin Steen, San Diego, nodded Wallace Batie, Texas.

In three four-rounders, Richie Mendoza defeated Sid Hitchens; Ishmael Hannefan won over Jorge Soliz; Ramon Castro shaded Jose Silva.

Enrique Bolanos and Chalky Wright engaged in their "rubber" match, but it was not another close contest. The status of these boxers has changed greatly since their last meeting, the pride of Mexico having climbed further up the hill, while the Negro veteran has come a long way down the path. In this ten-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic, Bolanos won going away.

Enrique jabbed Chalky at will, hooked him often and on numerous occasions rocked the former champ on his heels with sharp right-crosses. However, Wright kept the go interesting and the crowd on edge by his efforts to score a kayo. Chalky did buckle the Mexican's knees in the eighth with a right to the chin, but Enrique proved too elusive to be nailed with Chalky's follow-up punches and Bolanos was again back in the driver's seat before the end of the round.

Wright was credited with but one round, with one frame tabbed as even. However, although Bolanos copped eight of the heats, one of the judges had him ahead by only four points. Some arithmetic! Bolanos weighed 135, Wright 131.

In the six-round semi-final, Bee Jiminez, 117, San Bernardino, was awarded the duke over Cecil Schoonmaker, 115, New York. It was an agonizing affair, due to Schoonmaker's running and clutching tactics.

In remaining prelims, all action fights, Vince Padilla, 129, defeated Pee Wee Swingler, 127, in a four; Bill McClure, 188, stopped Jack Glover, 212, in the second frame; Bob O'Fallon, 142, won over Martin Flores, 144, in four; Ray Lewis, 142, nodded Ray Thomas, 144, in the opener.

Ernie Woods, 163, Los Angeles Negro, proved a sour note to Joe Music, 165, in their feature bout at the Whittier Arena. Woods added Music to his accomplishments in just one minute of the first round.

Other results; Chick Musgrove, 156, TKO'ed Marty Evans, 152, three; Jesse McGowen, 190, disposed of Frank Taylor, 178, three; Otto Buetler, 158, won over Billy De La Torre, 154, four; Bobby Taylor, 144, decisioned Flash Gordon, 145, four; Freddie Long, 145, whipped Wallace Batie, 146, four; Bobby Jarvis, 137, nodded Ishmael Hannefan, 140, four.

Although 93,000 attended a football game on that night, there was a turn-away crowd on hand to see Fabela Chavez fight Lorenzo Safora at the Hollywood Stadium. Quite a compliment to the Mexican youth who has been boxing professionally little over a year! The bout turned out to be merely a demonstration of Chavez's boxing technique. Safora wasn't the fast and flashy little scrapper of two years ago and he was sadly outclassed by the colorful Mexican kid.

Safora couldn't have been hit more often had he been boxing an octopus. The Cuban managed to get in a few punches at the start of some rounds, but tired quickly and Chavez would spurt and take the heats. Fabela staggered Safora in the seventh and had him in a bad way all during the eighth. Lorenzo rocked Chavez to his heels in both the ninth and tenth rounds, but they were only single blows and Fabela came back to wipe out the advantage. Chavez, weighing 131, was credited with eight of the rounds. Safora scaled 128.

In the six-round semi-final, Bobby Castro, 155, Los Angeles, stopped Johnny Eaton, 155, Detroit Negro, in the final round. It had been a dandy scrap, with Castro a bit in the lead. Dropped by a right to the jaw, Eaton arose at count of nine, but was unable to defend himself and Bobby belabored him with both fists. Referee Herb Greene halted it with but five seconds to go, for which action he was roundly booed.

In other bouts; Dale Hall, 193, decisioned Al Lucey, 203, in four; Bernardo Ramirez, 130, drew with Benny O'Neil, 130; Wallace Batie, 144, KO'ed Bob O'Fallon, 141, in the fourth; Ralph Lee, 158, won by a TKO over Bobcat Lee, 156, in the fourth, when the Bobcat, who was out in front, received an eye cut.

The bobbing, weaving style of George (Wildcat) Henry, 157, Lebanon, Pa., Negro, proved too much of a problem for Frankie Augustain, 161, Los Angeles Mexican, in a bruising ten-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. Henry gave Augustain a brutal beating in the early rounds, then tired, but Frankie was too punched out to take the offensive.

In supporting bouts; Bee Jiminez, 120, San Bernardino, upset the dope in beating Pee Wee Swingler, 126, Youngstown, Ohio, in four-round semi; Al Sandoval, 137, whipped Joey Krikis, 135, New York, in a four; Kenny Vint, 147, Kokomo, Ind., stole the show in chilling Joe Moore, 149, in the second heat; Marshall Nance, 166, won over Jimmy Knox, 168, in four; Red Terry, 159, defeated Jimmy Smith, 161, in four rounds.

For three rounds, Ramon Alva of San Antonio, Texas, did some offensive fighting in his go with Dave Hernandez of San Bernardino, at the San Diego Coliseum. He was ahead in these three rounds. In the fourth, Alva went into a shell and from then on he was about as warlike as a bear hibernating for the winter. Hernandez then started to pitch and although he missed more punches than Aunt Amelia does cookies, he landed often enough to win the unanimous decision. Each weighed 127.

Other results; Titus Hawkins, 173, San Diego Negro, had too much of everything—including about 15 pounds in weight—for Red Terry, in the semi-final. Hawkins TKO'ed Terry in the fourth, a severely cut lip causing the game redhead to retire. Eddie Warren, 124, and Gregorio Escolona drew in a six; Flash Gordon, 145, decisioned Martin Flores in four; Jose Silva, 140, won over Ishmael Hannefan in four; Otto Buettler, 160, nodded Manuel Silva.

Featuring Leroy Jackson of Cleveland, versus Al Erwin of Minneapolis, at the Los Angeles Olympic was probably a case of "When the cat is away, the mice will play." For, Matchmaker Babe McCoy was in New York when this "small time" scrap was staged in California's largest arena. Erwin, in particular, was greatly overcast. And in this instance, greatly over-matched. The affair was so one-sided it was ridiculous.

Jackson punched the Hebrew south-paw as limp as a drunken contortionist. In the early rounds, Erwin swung so wildly (at Jackson, I presume) that the ringsiders were ducking for cover. The Cleveland Negro punished Erwin so badly in the eighth that Referee Mushy Callahan was about to stop it, but Al mumbled a desire to continue. Jackson won every round except the first. He weighed 128, Erwin 131.

In two six-rounders, Emory Jackson, 159, was too busy for Garfield Coleman, 160; and Nick Diaz, 130, won over Pee Wee Swingler, 127, in a fast punching duel between two south-paws.

In three four-rounders, Billy Mitchell, 143, surprised everyone (and probably himself) by decisioning Chuck Cureton, 135; Bill McClure, 191, and Jesse Hall, 189, battled to a draw; Red Terry, 157, was awarded an unpopular decision over Jay Wall, 156.

The contestants of these seven four-rounders, staged at the Whittier Arena, are so equal in ability or prestige that it would be unfair to the others to write up the seventh, or final bout, as the main-event.

The results; Bobby Taylor, 146, bested Billy Mitchell, 142; Babe Huerta, 144, iced Wallace Batie, 142, in two; Freddie Long, 146, won over Carlos Garcia, 144; Malcolm Smith, 152, and Billy De La Torre, 152, drew; Frankie Calzo, 162, nodded Jimmy Smith, 161; Freddie Hernandez, 119, KO'ed Tony Ramirez, 116, in the third; Al Neria, 134, defeated Pete Montes, 136.

The announcer at the Hollywood Stadium didn't say "The battery for tonight's contest is Kenny Watkins, pitcher, Paulie Peters, catcher," but it was somewhat expected and it was the parts they played. And the fans knew that Peters doesn't use a glove to catch 'em with either. However, there was the possibility of Punching Paulie connecting with a stray one, for, Peters packs a potent punch. He was away off on his timing in this one though and the few overhand rights he landed did not have the power of other times.

Watkins did more punching with his left hand in six rounds than a south-paw street-car conductor does in six months. Peters fought only in spurts, but he kept going forward, forcing the Negro boxer to back off. It was an eye cut that ended hostilities in the seventh round, Dr. John Fahey ruling that the injury to the Oaklander's optic was too serious for him to continue, thereby giving Watkins a TKO victory. The weights were Watkins 160, Peters 162.

In the six-round semi-final, Jackie Byrd, 147, weathered a two-fisted assault by Jimmy Shans, 142, in the early going, to come on strong in the final rounds and cop the nod.

In the four-rounders; Benny O'Neil, 129, TKO'ed Joe Alvano, 128; via an eye cut in the fourth; Wallace Batie, 145, stopped Freddie Chavez, 143, in the second; Roland Spencer, 172, decisioned Marshall Nance, 166; Al Sandoval, 135, won by TKO over Ray Arragon, 134, in the fourth.

Emory Jackson, 158, Los Angeles Negro, copped eight of the ten rounds in winning over Irish Jimmy Curl, 159, Houston, Tex., at the Ocean Park Arena. Curl, tall, rangy and a south-paw, would be a problem for many boxers, but Jackson is a smart fighter, as well as a busy glove-tosser, and he experienced little trouble in defeating the Texan.

In supporting bouts; Al Gonzales, 138, decisioned Mario Luna, 139, in four; Billy Lee, 154, whipped Ray Martinez, 152, in a four; Howard Todome, 162, drew with Shorty Morgan, 168; Al Neria, 134, KO'ed Sid Hitchens, 128, in the third; Del Campo Provost, 150, stopped Ben Grundy, 146, in the fourth.

Roscoe Scally, 135, Pasadena Negro, got back in the winning column and evened the score with Georgie Hansford, 138, Los Angeles veteran, when he stopped the latter in the fourth round at the San Diego Coliseum. It was a slugfest, the battlers standing toe-to-toe and swapping blows, with Scally's heavier artillery being the deciding factor. Hansford was floored seven times before the one-sided affair was halted.

Other results; Chick Musgrove rocked Jimmy Smith to sleep in the third; Torito Ramos defeated Flash Gordon in six; Genero Vallez cooled Buddy Taylor in two; Jose Silva TKO'ed Ray Parker in the fourth; Ishmael Hannefan decisioned Jorge Soliz in four.

Len Marquez, 126, Los Angeles, and Bee Jiminez, 122, San Bernardino, fought four rounds to a draw in the feature bout at Whittier Arena.

In the remaining bouts, all four-rounders; Benny O'Neil, 130, decisioned Ramiro Lopez, 130; Ralph Lee, 160, nodded Frankie Calzo, 162; Frank Taylor, 180, KO'ed George Abinet, 182, in the second; Roland Spencer, 175, iced Kid Keary, 174, in the first; Ray Lewis, 141, whipped Pete Montez, 139; Ray Thomas, 146, outpointed Freddie Chavez, 143.

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IN SAN FRANCISCO RINGS

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MAKING his first fight in six months, Tommy Egan, popular local Irish welter, showed signs of rustiness and was off his usual form. As a result he dropped the ten-round decision to Paul Lewis, Oakland Negro, at the Civic Auditorium. Egan sustained an injured eye in the melee. Weights were: Lewis, 158; Egan, 152.

In a thrilling semi-final, Top Row Allen, 154, drew with Charley Cato, 156, short-armed Oaklander, in six. The fast, exciting exchanges highlighted the contest with honors about even.

In another sixer, Gene Loughridge, 155, likely-looking Los Angeles Negro, outpointed Paul Blanks, 158, in another good fight. Blanks, the favorite, couldn't keep up with his rangy, fleet-footed foe and dropped a close nod.

Joe Cherry, 150, went to a draw with Ward Jenkins, 149, in four. Willie Parker, 157½, halted Jimmy James, 156, in three rounds.

Mario Trigo, fast-rising young Mexican from Los Angeles, handed Buddy Jacklich, San Francisco Irish lightweight, his first setback since the latter's comeback by winning the ten-round decision at San Jose's Civic Auditorium. Weights were: Jacklich, 131; Trigo, 131.

In the preliminaries: Bernardo Ramirez, 132, Los Angeles Mexican, knocked out Tony Jackson, 133, in three rounds; Cecil Oliver, 187, fizzled the Texas Tornado, 190, in two heats.

Star Misamis, crowd-pleasing Filipino veteran, banged out a rematch ten-round decision win over Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson, 133½, ex-world's feather king, in the headliner at the Oakland Auditorium.

It was the third straight win for the Filipino flash since his arrival in this country and his second over Wilson. The house, which drew $5117.41, was well satisfied for the boys gave forth in good style. Misamis scaled 132½.

In the semi-final, Charley Cato, 156, Oakland Negro, won the award as the outstanding preliminary lad on the card, and rightfully so, for Cato slugged his way to the nod over George Smith, 159, in six rounds. Other results: Wayne Sheppard, 128, outscored Pete Louis, 128, in four; Willie Parker, 157½, drew with Johnny Crawford, 154, in four; Gene Loughbridge, 156, won over Vepe Watson, 155, in the opening four.

Sal Perea, local Mexican, easily stopped a weak Flash Gordon, 145, San Diego, in six rounds at National Hall.

Perea, who seldom halts a foe, dropped Gordon and battered him handily to win. Weight for Perea, 149.

Undercard: Dee Edwards, coming local Negro heavyweight, scored over Cecil Oliver, 178, in four. Bob Smith, 157, kayoed Gene O'Brien, 159, in one. Delaware Bradby, 168, surprised by kayoing Al Haman, 169, in one round. Emil Barao, 137, won over Parker Stewart, 135, in four.

Pat Valentino, the pride of local heavyweights, has been cleaning up this area's small supply of big boys. And after George Millich, younger brother of famous Newsboy and who has been tagged a comer, took a runout on Pat, he took on Francis Ogg and easily battered him into

submission in the second round at the Coliseum Bowl.

Pat floored Ogg twice in the first, again in the second, before Ogg, hopelessly outclassed, bowed out. Weights were: Valentino, 183½; Ogg, 179.

In the semi-final, Larry Carter, hard-hitting local Negro, outscored Gene Loughridge, Los Angeles Negro prospect, in six rounds. Chuck Lane, 137½, slugging Eureka Negro, won over Lee Walker, 138, in four. Joe Cherry, 150, a newcomer, was held even by Billy Lee, 148, in four. Orv Young, 125, stopped Art Luna, 128, in three rounds.

Jackie McCoy, classy Los Angeles Irish featherweight, scored another win by kayoing Roque Ojeda, newcomer from Mexico, in the eighth round at San Jose's Civic Auditorium.

He outboxed Ojeda at will and finally dropped him for keeps. Weights were: McCoy, 123; Ojeda, 129.

Undercard: Babe Picazo, 138, was held to a draw by Freddie Long, 135, Los Angeles veteran, in six-rounds. Bobby Bonger, 183, kayoed Cecil Oliver, 185, in one. Mac Gallardo, 135, won over Parker Stewart, 138, in four.

Paul Lewis, game Oakland Negro, evened up his score with Chester Slider, Fresno crowd-pleaser, by copping the ten-round decision at the Oakland Auditorium.

Their series now stands at two apiece. It was a hard-fought battle all the way, with Lewis earning the nod with his aggressive nonstop attack. The house grossed $5,678. Weights were: Lewis, 157; Slider, 150½.

In the semi-windup, Johnny O'Neill, fast-rising young Irish light-heavyweight, scored a three-round T.K.O. over Delaware Bradby, ex-Golden Gloves champ, in an interesting scrap. The Oaklander, a terrific puncher, dropped Bradby for nine and had him out on his feet at the finish. The weights were: O'Neill, 175; Bradby, 170.

In another sixer, Manxie Ankele, 140, unbeaten young Oaklander, outpointed Boykin Bourgoise, 136½, Oakland Negro, to keep his winning streak intact.

In the opener, Harry Allbritton, 146, and Slugger Maddox, 140, staged a war which resulted in a draw verdict. The boys went to it hammer and tongs.

Jan Leanos, good Mexican hard-hitter, scored what could be termed an upset by knocking out Leroy Jackson, Cleveland Negro veteran, in the sixth round at San Jose.

Leanos, a heavy favorite in the Vegetable City, was odds-on favorite, but had the bout been staged in Los Angeles, it's this reporter's opinion Jackson would have been the favorite. Leanos banged away lustily at Leroy and gave the Clevelander an unwelcome debut. Weights were: Leanos, 131; Jackson, 127.

Darnell Carter, 135, Los Angeles Negro, won over Babe Picazo, 137, in six rounds. Wayne Sheppard, 127, outscored Art Luna, 131, in four.

Adding another win to his long string of victories, Pat Valentino, the pride of 'Frisco, is now hitting his top form of pre-war days as he decisioned Jack Hannon Porter, Oakland Negro youngster, in ten rounds at the Coliseum Bowl.

This was their rubber match, each having a win apiece before Pat came through with the deciding fight. Porter, with only 16 pro fights, is a little too inexperienced for a foe like Pat. Weights were: Valentino, 183½; Porter, 178.

In the semi-final, Candy McDaniels, hard-hitting Mid-West lightweight, made a big hit in his Coast debut by flattening Chuck Lane, local Negro slugger, in one round. McDaniels, a terrific hooker, dumped Lane flat on his back for the count early in the first. Other results: Orv Young, 124, outpointed Joe Sanchez, 121, in four. Tommy Fair, 170, drew with Eddie Keller, 177, in four. Robert Smith, 158, won over Gene O'Brien, 159, in four.

Scoring one of the biggest surprises of the season, Charley Cato, young Oakland Negro slugger, held Earl Turner, Richmond Negro crowd-pleaser, to a ten-round draw at the Oakland Auditorium.

Cato, a short-armed, hard-hitting middleweight, stood in close to batter Turner's body, while the Earl managed to even things up with some long-range boxing. Turner was from 5 to 7 to 1. Turner scaled 150; Cato, 151½.

Undercard: Harry Allbritton, 144, won the rematch nod over Slugger Maddox, 148, in four. Ray Stevens, 202, kayoed Cecil Oliver, 183, in two. Eddie Halligan, 162, won over Wilson Mackey, 163, in four. Joe Kelly, 137½, outpointed Oscar Smith, 144, in four. Ernie Duarte, 149, outpointed Ward Jenkins, 148, in four.

Jesse Flores, unbeaten young Stockton Mexican, added another win to his string by handily outclassing Julio Franco, Los Angeles Negro, in ten rounds at Sacramento.

In the semi-final, Gene Loughridge, Los Angeles Negro, scored a neat win by stopping Bobby Ferris, Oakland Negro, in five rounds. Nick Fovitch drew with Lee Walker in four. Billy Lee won over Nick Vega in four. Nick DePosta outpointed Joey Mace in four.

Sal Perea, young local Mexican, jumped another step toward big main events by kayoing Cleve Kelly, Oakland Negro gamester, in three rounds at National Hall.

Perea, weighing 149, surprised by winning over the kayo route as he lacks a heavy punch. Kelly scaled 154.

In the semi-final, Leroy Willis, South City lightweight, halted Lee Walker, 138, in six rounds. Eddie Grantano, 148, drew with Ward Jenkins, 151, in four. Willie Vega, 160, decisioned Willie Parker, 160, in four.

Mario Trigo, crowd-thrilling Los Angeles Mexican, made his San Francisco debut an impressive one. The Mexican warrior edged out a close ten-round decision over Tony Rodriquez, hard-hitting local lightweight, in a corker at the Coliseum Bowl.

The boys pitched leather for the full limit, hardly letting up. The margin of victory was 56-54 in Trigo's favor. A rematch is in order. Weights were: Trigo, 134; Rodriquez, 134.

In the semi-final, Speedy Cannon, 156, local middleweight, handed Wilson Mackey, 162, a good beating, winning in the third round on a T.K.O. Nick Fovitch, 136, won over Lee Walker, 137, in four. Eddie Grantano, 148, decisioned Ward Jenkins in four.

Juan Leanos, classy Mexican featherweight, has definitely made a home for himself in San Jose off his sensational wins there. His latest, a seventh-round kayo over Horace (Little Giant) Lefwich, San Diego's 4 by 4, in a fast bout.

Lefwich, probably the shortest fighter in captivity, was no match for the hard-hitting Mexican mauler. Leanos floored his foe several times to win handily. Weights were: Leanos, 129; Giant, 127.

Frankie Moore, Oakland's top lightweight, battered out a decisive ten-round decision over Al Medrano, Los Angeles veteran, at the Oakland Auditorium.

Medrano, who has seen his best days, dropped his second straight nod to Moore. The latter had a pretty fair lead going into the last round. In this session he gave the Italian quite a lacing, flooring him with the bell coming to the rescue at the count of four. Weights were: Moore, 138; Medrano, 133.

In the semi-final, Top Row Allen, 157½, local Negro gamester, and Lalo Rodriquez, 158, Los Angeles Mexican, put up a pip of a sixer with a draw verdict being handed down.

Delaware Bradby, 167, surprised by licking Jim Tamio, 170, in four. (Tamio formerly fought under the name of Matt Jiminez.) Ernie Duarte, 149, halted Gen Brown, 152, in two rounds. Willie Vega, 159, outclassed Willie Parker, 158, in four.

In a wild slugfest that didn't last long, Candy McDaniels, dynamite-fisted Cincinnati Negro, came off the canvas twice to kayo Abel Lucero, stiff-punching Fresno Italian, in the first round at National Hall. Lucero went out like a light giving Candy his second kayo in one in as many starts on the Coast. McDaniels scaled 135½; Lucero, 132½.

The undercard: Delaware Bradby, 167, kayoed Percy Butler, 172, in two; Wilson Mackey, 160, decisioned Speedy Cannon, 159, in four; Leroy Willis, 136, upset Oscar Smith, 138, on a T.K.O. in two; Chris Vargas, 151, drew with Eddie Grantano, 148, in four.

SHORT JABS—Promoter Benny Ford of San Francisco's Civic Auditorium is looking around for big name fighters to fight our local favorites—Pat Valentino, Jesse Flores, Fred Apostoli, Tommy Egan and others . . . . Preliminary boys who came forth with good wins during the month are Maxie Ankele, Charley Cato (now a main eventer), Top Row Allen, Delaware Bradby, Leroy Willis, Sal Perea, and Johnny O'Neill. Most of these fighters should become big-eventers by this time next year . . . . Billy Newman, local manager, has a new scrapper under his wing in Charley Johnson, hard-hitting Negro featherweight. Billy might send Johnson to Honolulu, where he can fight more men his size . . . . Eureka has resumed boxing and is going great with outstanding matches . . . . The little town has put on exciting contests . . . . Santa Rosa has also resumed boxing.

Paul Cavagnaro, good local heavyweight, is in Los Angeles, where he will continue his career. Handling him in the Angel City is Dutch Meyers, well-known Coast pilot . . . . Louie Bell, good New Orleans welter, is being ducked by most of our welterweights all over the state. He is unbeaten in this sector, holding wins over Bobby Castro, Benny Evans and others . . . . Al Couture, classy Maine welterweight, will parade in this sector soon. While in the Army, Al won many a good fight in Frisco and Oakland. His 12-knock-down fight with Chester Slider still lingers in local sports fans' minds . . . . Georgie Duke, local middleweight, scored a good win over Ben Evans at Fresno . . . . Vic Grupico, popular Italian, upset favorite Charley Smith, New York lightweight, in ten rounds at Hollywood.

Billy Lufrano, ex-North Beach lightweight scrapper, has turned manager and has a few boys under his wing. Willie Vega is his top boy and he is currently fighting among the prelims.

George (Honey Boy) Evans, Oakland middleweight, was kayoed in two minutes of the first by Al Hostak, former middleweight champ, in Seattle . . . . Local fans want to see more of Jerry McSwain, Irish heavyweight, who showed great possibilities in bouts here. However, his new manager has him in San Diego, where he is currently cleaning up all the heavies. He is still unbeaten . . . . That's all for this month.

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NEVADA FISTIC NEWS

By CLARENCE HECKETHORN

LAS VEGAS referees and boxing judges apparently take their duties seriously, so it is advisable that all boxers performing in this city should ply their trade in the same serious vein if they hope to be declared winner of their contest. Tiger Jack Fox, veteran Spokane Negro, will vouch for this. Fox really bested Walter Hafer, Los Angeles heavyweight, in their ten-rounder at the Las Vegas outdoor arena, but his efforts, for the most part, were so lackadaisical that the officials voted Hafer the decision—for trying.

Fox clowned and stalled for seven rounds and Hafer, of limited fistic experience, could do nothing about it. Walter is powerful and a heavy hitter, but the aged Negro was too cagey for him. Having exhibited his repertoire of tricks, Fox went to work in the eighth and dropped Hafer three times before the round was over. The Tiger decked his clumsy foe for a nine-count again in the ninth and had Walter in a bad way when the final bell rang. But it was Hafer who was declared the winner.

Moral: If thou seek victory—fight, not clown!

Another boxer on the above card who performed as though the show was a one-ring circus was Benny Flake, Salt Lake City middleweight. Flake is a clever boxer, but he clowned too much and dropped the decision to Edgar Robinson, Phoenix, Ariz., Negro.

Don Lemos, Los Angeles Mexican welterweight, disposed of Dixie Fleming, Las Vegas Negro, in the second round.

Gaston Miller, Las Vegas light-heavy, handed Tommy Williams a lacing in a five-rounder.

Jack Warren, 198, Pasadena, decisioned Bob Scott, 201, Los Angeles, in a rough four-rounder. They are Negroes.

Gaston Miller, who was considered about washed-up early in the year, seems to have taken on a new lease of life. Miller, a good boxer with a stiff punch, hasn't lost a fight since his defeat by Babe Edwards in the Las Vegas ring six months ago. Gaston has won six contests since the Edwards debacle and he would welcome another crack at the Los Angeles baby-faced slugger. Promoter Russell may rematch them, this time for the Nevada light-heavy title.

Louis Bell, Minneapolis Negro welterweight, caused local fans to sit up and take notice by punching out a ten-round decision over Ben Evans, Tulsa, at the Las Vegas outdoor arena. The Negro boxer proved fast, shifty and a glove-thrower. Evans, an infighter, carried the fight to the Negro, but before Ben could get into close quarters, Bell unleashed a fusillade of leather.

The game Oklahoman got to Louis in the final round to give him a beating about the body to cop the only heat he was credited with. Three of the rounds were even. Bell was voted the other six.

Louis Wise, 165, Los Angeles Negro, and Gene Simmons, 168, Indianapolis, also Negro, fought six spirited rounds, with Wise being declared winner.

Gaston Miller, Las Vegas light-heavy, iced Jimmy Smith, Los Angeles Negro, in the third, after having floored him twice in the second.

Henry Lowe, 187, Las Vegas Negro, slugged out a close decision over Bob Scott, 200, Los Angeles Negro, in a four-rounder.

Rudy Nelson, 160, Los Angeles, outlasted Red Terry, 158, New Mexico, to get the call in a hard-fought four-rounder.

Promoter Dick Russell moves the fisticuffing indoors this month. During the summer months the Las Vegas promoter staged the shows at the outdoor arena on the grounds of the Last Frontier Hotel.

Russell is seeking opponents for Jackie McCoy, having been informed that the Los Angeles featherweight is entirely recovered from a nose operation and is desirous of appearing in Las Vegas again. McCoy is probably the most colorful boxer to ever show in this city and his return will be good news to local fans.

Russell also seeks a rematch between Bobby Yaeger of Los Angeles and Leon Spencer of Detroit, who fought a sizzling 15-rounder in Las Vegas a few months ago. That bout, billed as for the state welterweight title, was won by Yaeger, but it was so close that the decision was not too popular.

Any Eastern boxers wishing to stop off for an engagement in Las Vegas en route to the Coast can get in touch with the promoter by writing Dick Russell, Sal Sagev Hotel, Las Vegas, Nev.

This writer can be reached at Las Vegas *Review-Journal*.

COVERING NEW ENGLAND
By MARK FANNON

MECHANICS BUILDING, BOSTON—Tommy Sullivan, 174½, of South Boston, took a big step forward in the light-heavyweight ranks when he came from behind to score a T.K.O. in the 9th frame over Georgie Kochan, 173, of Akron, Ohio, in a savage slugging match.

Sullivan was dropped to the canvas for a six-count by a hard left swing to the jaw in the third. In the fifth, he was on the canvas for a no-count. From this point onward, Sullivan's unlimited strength began to tell and they continued to batter each other viciously. In the ninth, Sullivan battered Kochan around the ring with a two-fisted barrage until the Ohioan was left reeling and helpless, forcing the referee to halt the affair.

Mad Anthony Jones, 172, Boston, was awarded the bout in the seventh when Abel Gonzales, 176½, Pawtucket, R. I., couldn't answer the bell.

Soldier Montoya, 176, Bangor, kayoed Al Tumas, 199, Dorchester, in two rounds.

Art Aragon, 148½, Boston, knocked out Bobby Burton, 149, Providence, with a right uppercut to the jaw in the fourth.

Earl Evans, 193½, Boston, knocked out Eddie DeMarco, 180, Providence, (1). Ralph Regan, 176½, Medford, kayoed Maurice Belanger, 175½, Fall River, (2).

Lewiston, Me.—Armand Michaud, 147, Lisbon, won a unanimous eight-round decision over Fern Pelletier, 146, Lewiston.

Salem—Jimmy McLarnin, 136, New Bedford, came through with a fine win when he knocked out Tommy "Red" Wells, 137, Manchester, N. H., in the third frame. A well-timed right to the body dropped Wells in agony and he was unable to beat the count.

Johnny Martin, 190, Essex, kayoed veteran Sam Shumway, 177, Webster, in three heats.

Manchester, N. H.—Jack (Spider) Armstrong, 129½, Toronto, outpointed Fred Polowitzer, 133, Hartford, in ten rounds. Maurice Cloutier, 158, Manchester, kayoed Ollie Wilson, 162, Worcester, (2).

Fall River—Al Costa, 152, Woonsocket, R. I., won by a T.K.O. over Jerry Boisvert, 154, Lewiston, Me., when the referee stopped the bout because of a cut eye suffered by Boisvert. Costa enjoyed a slight edge until this point. This was their second meeting.

Buddy Brown, 152, Boston, decisioned Al Pinel, 154, New Bedford, in the eight-round semi-final.

Portland, Me.—Eddie Moniz, youthful Fall River welterweight, continued his winning ways in Maine by taking the ten-round nod over Eddie Letourneau, of Sanford.

Lawrence—Frankie Conti, 138½, Haverhill, won the ten-round decision over Joe Gillis, 141, Brooklyn, in the first show put on in the New Winter Garden in a long while. Frankie Diaz, 150, Boston, stopped Chet Ross, 150, Beverly, in five rounds.

Worcester—Charley Williams, 147, Newark, remained undefeated here when he stopped Irish Johnny Taylor, 150, Oakland, Cal., in the seventh. Tommy Doyle, 180, Fall River, outslugged Sam Shumway, 176, of Webster, to win by T.K.O. in the fourth. Johnny DiCiantis, 162, Providence, knocked out Kid Chocolate, 164, Havana, in the second.

Athol—Bob Pooler, 137, Portland, won over Corky Davis, 138½, Worcester, (8). Bernie McNally, 185, Cambridge, outpointed Curtis Clement, 182, Boston, (6). Shows at this club are held semi-monthly.

Mechanics Building, Boston—Buddy Hayes, 128, N. E. featherweight champion, wound up strong to beat Francis Leonard, 130½, Taunton, in ten rounds. Leonard was dropped twice in the ninth and once in the 10th.

Al Spencer, 134½, San Francisco, made his eastern debut by winning over Panama Jack Renault, 130, Boston, (8).

Tommy "Red" Wells, 138, Manchester, N. H., made a big hit in stopping Jerry Zullo, 138, Chelsea, in four rounds. Art Aragon, 142, Boston, knocked out Pedro Corchado, 138, New Bedford, in the first. Bill Daley, 151½, Brookline, was awarded the six-round nod over Johnny Luz, 156, New Bedford. Frankie Waters, 127, Boston, stopped Billy Mays, 125, Boston, in the first frame.

Lewiston, Me.—Lefty LaChance, 134, Lisbon, retained his Maine lightweight title when he defeated Lloyd Hudson, 129, Bath, in ten rounds.

Bangor, Me.—Herb Freeman, 141, Bangor, kayoed Frankie Diaz, 145, Boston, (2).

Boston Garden—Ralph Zannelli, Providence welterweight, held Georgie Martin to a ten-round draw in their sixth meeting in a pro ring. They had met each other seven times in the amateur ranks.

Eddie Bodin, 172, Boston, won over Soldier Montoya, 170, Bangor, in the eight-round semi-final. Jimmy Sauer, 151, Cambridge, stopped Young Diaz, 152, Boston, (4). Joe Rindone, 172, Boston, outpointed Curtis Clements, 176, Boston, (4). Mickey Maguire, 123, Boston, defeated Gene Gomez, 123, Boston, (4).

Roy Andrews, 132, Lowell, won an eight-round decision over Al Smith, 130, Boston.

Salem—Henry Polowitzer, 131, Hartford, youngest of the fighting Polowitzer family, scored a surprise win over Jimmy McLarnin, 134, New Bedford, in ten rounds. Chuck Jackson, 127, Manchester, knocked out Billy Mays, 127, Boston, (3).

Manchester, N. H.—Walter (Cabey) Lewis, 132, Brooklyn, came back after losing the first four rounds to kayo Carroll (Kid) Alexander, 128½, Washington, in the 5th. Eddie Gibbs, 121, New Bedford, and Harold Bauman, 122, New York, fought an eight-round draw.

Fall River—Leo Mucucci, 129, Portland, Me., and Tony Costa, 129, Woonsocket, R. I., battled to a furious ten-round draw.

Pedro Corchado, 135, New Bedford, decisioned Lee Britto, 139, Providence, in the six-round semi-final.

Worcester—Jimmy Henderson, 154, Paterson, N. J., pulled a surprise in breaking the winning string of Leo Sawicki, 153½, Worcester, in winning a ten-round decision. Earl Evans, 194, Boston, got the six-round nod over Tommy Doyle, 180, Fall River. Emil Evans, 159, Westover Field, knocked out Johnny DiCiantis, 165, Providence, three rounds.

Brunswick, Me.—Roger Whynott, 149, Halifax, N. S., kayoed Al Michaud, 147, Lisbon, in the fifth. Buddy Labbe, 137, Lewiston, stopped Bob Paradis, 142, Brunswick, (2).

Rumford, Me.—Bob Pooler, 137, Portland, and Paul Le Blond, 138, Lisbon, fought to an eight-round draw.

Mechanics Building, Boston—Mad Anthony Jones, 172, Boston, came closer to a return shot at Tommy Sullivan when he knocked out Jack Kenny, 164½, Livingston, N. J., in the sixth round. Billy Napper, 146, Boston, stopped Herb Freeman, 142, Bangor, Me., in the fourth. Ralph Regan, 177, Medford, won easily over Curtis Clemmons, 179, Roxbury, in a six-rounder. George Renault, 132, Lowell, won the six-round nod over Lee Britto, 136, Providence. Buddy Brown, 152½, Boston, won a savage six-rounder over Frankie Ross, 153, Boston. Earl Evans, 198, Boston, stopped Tommy Doyle, 180, Fall River, (4).

Lewiston, Me.—Maurice Beauchene, 144, Brunswick, T.K.O.'ed Fern Pelletier, 143, Lewiston, in the seventh.

Salem, Mass.—Buddy Hayes, 127½, Boston, won a split decision over Henry Polowitzer, 132, Hartford, Conn. (10). Gerardo Gonzales knocked out Charlie Celeste, 129½, Boston, in the second frame.

Manchester, N. H.—Florient Desmarais, 134, Manchester, won a close decision over Jimmy McLarnin, 136, New Bedford, in ten rounds. Maurice Cloutier, 158, Manchester, knocked out Eddie Jansen, 152, Boston, in the opening round.

Bangor, Me.—Buddy Jones, 158, Portland, stopped Maurice Cloutier, 158, Manchester, (3). Johnny Campbell, 140, Brewer, outpointed Tommy Nevers, 141, Boston, (6). Ken Thayer, 170, Hermon, outpointed Johnny Mara, 164, Boston, (6).

Fall River—Charley Fusari, 144, Irvington, N. J., ranked in the first ten, knocked out Jack Larrimore, 140½, Miami, in the third. Al Pinel, 151, New Bedford, decisioned Russ Golding, 159, Jersey City, N. J., (6).

Lawrence, Mass.—Spider Armstrong, 128, Toronto, outpointed Allie Wolf, 135, Newark, N. J., (10). Billy Lancaster, 163, Portland, kayoed Bob Purty, 156, Newark.

Framingham, Mass.—In Framingham's first show in over 25 years Oliver Desmarais, Manchester, N. H., lightweight, and Joe Gillis, Springfield, fought to a 10-round draw. Jackie Walker, Boston, kayoed Oscar St. Pierre, Fall River, in the fourth. Charley Kelly, Boston featherweight, kayoed Joe Chris, Boston, (2). Sammy White, Boston, knocked out Del Robichaud, (1).

Athol—Smuggy Hersey, 152, Washington, knocked out Jimmy Pettie, 153, Woburn, in the fifth. Billy Napper, 148, Boston, decisioned Hal Hallie, 145, Fitchburg, (6).

Worcester—Charley Williams, 146, Newark, pounded out an easy ten-round decision over Charley Early, 145, San Francisco. Emil Evans, 155, Westover Field. T.K.O.'ed Kid Chocolate, 155, Havana, (4). Red Perkins, 140, Lynn, kayoed Frankie Young, 145, Boston (2). Marty Pemba, 132, Boston, won by T.K.O. over Henry Dunn, 136, Manchester, in the second.

Brunswick, Me.—Lloyd Hudson, 126, Bath, kayoed Paul Herrick, 123, Portland, (9). Kayo Tardiff, 148, Gray, kayoed Pancho Villa, 155, Waterville, (2).

Mechanics Building, Boston—Raul Zenit, 138½, Mexico City, scored an upset when he kayoed Tommy Greb, 136½, West End, newly crowned N. E. lightweight champion, in three rounds. Tommy "Red" Wells, 136½, Manchester, outpointed Jerry Zullo, 133½, Chelsea, (8). Bill Daley, 152, Brookline, outpointed Al Pinel, 155, New Bedford, (6). Young Frankie, 156, San Antonio, T.K.O.'ed Ollie Wilson, 160, Worcester, (1). Abel Gonsalves, 177, Pawtucket, R. I., and Johnny Martin, 192, Essex, boxed a draw, (6). Jennings Brotherton, 135½, Boston, outpointed George Renault, 133½, Lowell (6).

Lewiston, Me.—Harry Hintlian, 136½, Worcester, won a split decision over Bobby Pooler, 138, of Portland, (10). Co-feature ten-rounder, Leo LeBlond, 135, Lisbon, knocked out Henry Kid Briere, 131, Putnam, Conn., (5).

Saco, Me.—Eddie Letourneau, 150, Sanford, Me., knocked out Billy Allen, 152, Boston (2).

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Gloucester, Mass.—In the first show held here in years, Johnny Priest, 137, Cambridge, kayoed Joe Polowitzer, 137, Hartford, in eight rounds. Mickey Maguire, 122, Boston, outpointed Gene Gomez, 126, Boston, (6). Jimmy Vincent, 130, Lowell, T.K.O.'ed Leon Jackson, 131, Boston, (6). Wendall Gallant, 172, Skowhegan, Me., outpointed Curtis Clemmons, 180, Boston, (6).

IN CONTINENTAL EUROPE
By A. C. PARISH

SALLE WAGRAM, PARIS—Gus DeGouve and Camille Cauffour headlined the opening show of the season. DeGouve easily beat the overmatched Martinique middleweight. Handsome Georges Vartanian outslugged Morawa, who retired in the third.

At the Cirque d'Hiver, Robert Villemain, welter contender, made a punching bag of Baby Day, visiting American, and Georges Mousse, Parisian rival of Medina, beat Dormont over ten. Ray Famechon beat Paul Renucci on points.

Over in Denmark Carl Nielsen, 210, iced Al Robinson of England, in seven, and Helge Rasmussen finished off Syd Worgan in the fifth.

Emile Famechon, of the famous family, could only draw with Solinas at Monaco.

Walter Momber earned a draw with Wanes at the Wagram, while Georges Jais lost on points to promising Frank Hermal.

At Rouen—Assane Diouf drew with veteran Edouard Tenet, and Fred Senn lost to heavyweight Ray Prevost.

The new Swedish heavy, Avon Wilsson, made a successful debut by beating John Nilsson. Pittulainen, the slick Finn, had a tough job in beating Baby Day of the U.S.A.

At Amsterdam—Jan de Bruin beat William Tenuyl by a T.K.O. in the sixth and Arnold LaGrand forced Theo Pare to retire in the seventh at Rotterdam.

A disappointingly small gathering was present at the Palais de Sports when three French titles changed hands. Omar Kouidri went the distance but lost the verdict to young Robert Villemain, Negro, who did most of the forcing. Kouidri lost recently to Egisto Peire, the Italian, in Rome. Georges Martin, 28-year-old shoemaker, forced Al Renet, the holder, to a standstill. Martin was put down in the fourth, but was saved by the gong. He came back with heavy body blows and in the seventh put Renet down four times. The last one being for the full count. Martin has now signed to meet Woodcock.

Omar Lenoir, the Algerian, lost his title to Emile Dickisto in an extremely dull 12-rounder. Frank Hermal beat Fountaine in the prelims.

Dutch lightie Jan Nicolaas was badly battered at Liverpool by Stan Hawthorne. Nicolaas was being touted by Continental scribes as legitimate European champ.

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JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY

By BUS BURKE

HARRY EAGLES, the barnstorming fight promoter, presented to the St. Louis boxing fans his first of a promised series of fights with the scene of action the Kiel Auditorium and the time was October 21. The show, which deserved a better break, drew only 1799 fans and grossed only $3213. Freddie Dawson and Willie Russell highlighted this most interesting card, and Dawson punched out a ten-round decision over the rugged Russell. Dawson pounded Russell at will. Russell, a southpaw, showed ability to absorb punishment and that was all.

Complete results of this card follow: Main Event—Freddie Dawson, Chicago, 137½, decisioned Willie Russell, Columbus, Ohio, 135½, in ten rounds; Sullivan, referee. Semi-Windup—Kid Riviera, St. Louis, 228, defeated Kenny Johnson, Dayton, Ohio, 188, in six rounds. Kaiser, referee. Special Bout—Jim Ritchie, St. Louis, 170½, stopped Al Sheridan, Indianapolis, 172, in the first round of a scheduled six-rounder. Ingham, referee.

Eddie Dames, St. Louis, 125½, decisioned Stanley Novak, Omaha, 129, in six rounds. Ingham, referee. Curtain Raiser—Milton Jones, St. Louis, 165, decisioned Jim Bull, St. Louis, 158, in five rounds. This was Bull's first defeat as a pro. Bull was also dropped twice in the fourth round for long counts by paralyzing left hooks thrown by Jones; this was also the first time that Bull had ever been dropped. He recently had a nose operation.

The field of 29 amateur mittmen who started in the annual Kiwanis boxing tournament certainly gave their all to make the evening of October 23rd a most entertaining one for the 3905 fistic followers gathered in Kiel Auditorium. Of the 29 starters, with 21 of them out of town visiting warriors from Kansas City, Minneapolis and Oklahoma City, only eight survived the evening's activities eligible to wear the coveted crown of the champ. Kenny Nienhaus, of South Broadway A. C., in St. Louis, won the trophy for the "Outstanding Boxer" of the tournament with the "Best Sportsmanship" award going to Robert Nunn of the Oklahoma City team, who also lost to Nienhaus in the finals. This fistic attraction, which grossed $4997.50, of which the profits go to the Kiwanis Boys and Girls Fund, saw Oklahoma City walk off with the team trophy having three champions with a total of 24 points. St. Louis finished second.

Eddie Lee, popular American born Chinese fighter, has taken the long count. Lee heard the final gong when his plane crashed nine miles south of Canton, Texas, on October 23. Eddie, who was known to ring patrons as "Chinese Eddie Lee" and also as the "Shanghai Express," probably reached the peak of his career three years ago on a War Bond Show in Houston, Texas, when he defeated by a decision the popular Bernard Docusen of New Orleans. This has been the sole defeat suffered by Docusen in his pro career. To the bereaved family of the likable Eddie Lee this writer and THE RING Magazine extend their most heartfelt sympathies.

At Wichita, Kansas, on October 23, Ragon Kinney, of Fort Smith, Arkansas, pounded out an eight-round decision of the newspaper variety over John Densen of Indianapolis, Ind., on a card promoted by Homer Mosley, Wichita's promoter. No decisions are rendered by the referees in the state of Kansas. The verdicts are handed down by the newspapers. On the same card in the semi-windup, Nathan (Deacon) Logan of St. Louis, a very popular middleweight here in the Midwest, continued his merry way along the triumphant road to victory when he stopped Allen Small of Chicago, via the T.K.O. route in the fourth round. Logan weighed in at 165 with Small tipping the beams at 180 pounds.

Word has come in that the mighty Rocky Graziano is starting a tour of the states to sharpen up for his return go with Tony Zale in March.

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Hans Bernstein, St. Louis' boxing maestro, really went all out when he presented his super-duper fistic extravaganza to the St. Louis fight-minded public at Kiel Auditorium on October 30th. 7525 spectators poured $15,075 into the cash box to sit in on the night's punch session. This was the best gate drawn by Promoter Bernstein for the season, but as I have said in the past, "St. Louis is a good fight town if given high class fights." This well arranged and gotten up card proves my point. Nice going, Hans.

The show was high-lighted by the second victory in a row of Phil Terranova over Whistling Willie Roache. It was Terranova who came in ahead of the crowd-pleasing Roache via a decision win in ten-rounds and established definitely with the fans here that he is a contender for Willie Pep's crown.

Results of October 30th card: Main Event—Phil Terranova, New York, 128, decisioned Willie Roache, Wilmington, Del., 129, in ten rounds. Kaiser, referee. Semi-Windup—Jackie Dickers, St. Louis, 126, punched out a six-round decision win over Howard Jackson, Kansas City, 122. Dickers was dropped for a no-count in the fifth round by the hard-punching little Kansas Citian. Ray Palmer, referee. Prelim—Mickey Savage, St. Louis, 142, won on points from Oree Smith, St. Louis, 145. The decision was greeted by much reversed cheering. The battle was over the six-round route with Ray Palmer refereeing. Prelim—Derby Dan, St. Louis, 176, was declared the winner over John Gulley, St. Louis, 171, when he was fouled unintentionally with a low blow landed by Gulley in the second round of a scheduled six-rounder. Dick Young, referee. Curtain Raiser—Jack Wortham, Amarillo, Texas, 174, scored a T.K.O. win over Jack (Zip) Feller, Belleville, Illinois, 171, in the second round of a scheduled four-rounder. Young, referee. Judges: Gene Farrel and Al Graf.

RIGHT CROSSES—The promoter's license of E. H. Leary has been indefinitely suspended by the Missouri Athletic Commission because of his failure to pay city license fees for past promotions. . . . St. Louis's newest fistic featherweight sensation, Jackie Dickers, is showing a marked improvement. He can take a punch, he can punch and most important he is smart, capable and cagy. Just watch this kid. He is a fine prospect. . . . Le Roy Bolden is in St. Louis looking for work. Just returned from the West Coast, Bolden is being represented here in St. Louis by E. L. Robinson. . . . Jimmy Parker, one of St. Louis's most competent referees, has been around the boxing industry for a long time. He started as an amateur in 1919 where he remained for two years and then turned to the pro end of the boxing game.

Eddie Dames, the popular St. Louis featherweight, who has joined the pros has an enviable record among the amateurs where he reigned as king among the locals. Eddie started as an amateur when 15 years old and weighed 71 pounds. He held championships in 1940, 41, 42 and 46. Was national Golden Glove titleholder in 1946. Has gone to the post seven times as a pro, won four, fought two draws and lost one. Was in the service for three years, seeing action in the European Theatre.

While overseas Eddie fought on one of the Joe Louis exhibitions winning his fight with a two-round K.O. Eddie is popular with the fans in St. Louis. He is handled as a pro by the same man who guided him throughout his amateur career, Joseph H. Herbst, Jr.

All correspondence and news of interest to readers of this column should be sent to Bus Burke, 601 St. Louis St., DeSoto, Missouri. I would also appreciate receiving autographed photos of fighters to add to my collection.

AROUND ONTARIO

With BABE SMITH

AT THE Maple Leaf Gardens of Toronto, L'il Arthur King, 128½, fast-stepping Toronto Negro sensation, had little trouble winning an eight-round decision over a surprisingly inept but durable Jean Paul Frechette (Blond Tiger), 128¾, Lowell, Mass., before a fair crowd.

King was complete master of the situation at all times and won every round. He had Frechette on the floor three times for nine-counts. Frechette, who bills himself as the Blond Tiger, showed nothing beyond the ability to take it and come back for more.

The semi-final was one of those things fight fans like to forget about in a hurry. Al Ellis of Detroit sported a big edge in height and reach over local bantam Frankie Brancetti, but the Detroiter didn't feel in the fighting mood and after eight rounds of waltzing and clinching, Brancetti was awarded the decision. Ellis scaled 115 to Brancetti's 117¼.

Results of the preliminaries: George Renault, 133, Lowell, Mass., won over Teddy Swain, 128, Toronto, in six. Jimmy Marsden, 145½, Toronto, drew with Harry Marshall, Detroit, in six. Joey McPhee, 130, Oshawa, won his third straight pro fight, a four-round decision over Terry Kipp, 130, Toronto.

Kitchener: In the five-round feature bout of an all-star amateur card, witnessed by 1500 fans, Tangerine Bailey, Niagara Falls featherweight, outpointed Joe Garlas of Brantford. Twin City boxers took four of the eight bouts. In the co-feature, at 146 pounds, Mel Mallaley, Niagara Falls, T.K.O.'ed Milt McManus, Stratford, in the third.

Port Colborne: Orin Safir of Toronto, Canadian amateur heavyweight champion, earned a five-round decision over Henry (King) George, Port Colborne policeman, in the feature bout of an amateur card held here.

Ontario Boxers in the News—Memphis, Tenn.: Jackie Callura, 128, Hamilton, lost a hard-fought ten-round decision to Chico Morales, 125, Tampa, Fla.

Boston, Mass.: Charley Kelley, 127, Toronto, was T.K.O.'ed in the third by Mickey Maguire, 124, of Boston.

Detroit, Mich.: Steve Bellus, 136, London, won a four-rounder from Mike Lucas, 135, Grand Rapids, Mich. Tommy Klymk, 163, London, won from Jim Wilson, 151, Detroit, in four.

Buffalo, N. Y.: Charlie Balasz, 219, Toronto, lost a six-rounder to Mitchell Stekloff, 227, Rochester. Wally Hicks, 155¾, Toronto, outpointed Sal Musa, 160½, of Buffalo, in four.

Portland, Me.: Charley Kelley, 125, Toronto, drew in six with Lloyd Hudson, 128½, Bath, Me.

Fall River, Mass.: Teddy Swain, 127, Toronto, T.K.O.'ed Ivan Jones, 123, Portland, Me., in the sixth round.

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Manchester, N. H.: Jack (Spider) Armstrong, 129½, Toronto, won a ten-round decision over Freddie Polowitzer, 133, Hartford, Conn.

Providence, R. I.: Jack (Spider) Armstrong, 131¼, Toronto, scored a ten-round decision over Billy Pinti, 127, Rome, N. Y.

Buffalo, N. Y.: Cliff Beckett, 156, Sudbury, lost an eight-rounder to Allen Faulkiner, 152, Buffalo.

Quebec, Que.: Teddy Swain, 127½, Toronto, battled Canadian bantam champ Fernando Gagnon, 122, Quebec, to a ten-round draw in a non-title match.

Salem, Mass.: Charley Kelley, 126, Toronto, won a six-round decision from Kid Cournoyer, 124, Derry, N. H.

Saginaw, Mich.: Harvey Dubs, 148½, Windsor, K.O.'ed Willie Edmonds, 150, Grand Rapids, Mich., in the ninth.

Lawrence, Mass.: Jack (Spider) Armstrong, 128, Toronto, outpointed Allie Wolf, 135, Newark, N. J., in ten.

SHADOW BOXING IN WYOMING, W. NEBRASKA AND COLORADO

By RICK GANSON

CHEYENNE—Bob Nora, Cheyenne Negro, after suffering the first kayo defeat of his pro career at the hands of Tex Boddie in Omaha, started on the road back by knocking out Chuck Roberts, 200, Scottsbluff heavyweight, in the fourth. Nora completely closed Roberts' left optic in the first round and this settled the issue. Roberts went down for nine counts in the second and third rounds before being counted out in the fourth canto.

Chuck Caldwell, 170, veteran Rawlins, Wyo., scrapper, survived a two-fisted barrage and then uncorked a terrific left hook to kayo Sid Colman, from Missouri, at the close of the first round.

Other results: Willie Garcia, 137, Cheyenne, knocked out Tex Richards of Denver in the second round. Pete Mays, 145, Ft. Warren, halted Tommy Landrum, 140, deaf mute in two rounds. Rudy Barrett, veteran lightweight from Chicago, knocked out Perfecto Barajas, squat Mexican from Nebraska, in the third round of a good bout.

Promoted by the newly formed Frontier Sports Enterprises, the show was well received despite the knockouts as the action was furious.

The newest town in this vicinity to resume pro boxing was Scottsbluff, Neb. The initial fight card, held on Oct. 15, featured Chuck Roberts, local heavyweight, against Chuck Caldwell, Rawlins, Wyo., in the main go of 10 rounds. Roberts carried too much weight for Caldwell and won by a knockout in the second round. A capacity crowd turned out to enjoy the festivities.

Sterling, Colo.—The greatest amateur tournament in Northeastern Colorado got under way here November 18, 19 and 20 at the Municipal Auditorium. Sponsors were the V.F.W. in conjunction with the *Sterling Advocate* newspaper. Cowboy Ruben Shank started as an amateur here.

IN THE CLINCHES—Boxing remains dormant in Denver due to lack of a suitable arena. Sidney, Neb., a great fight town during depression days, boasting a $130,000 Swat Palace in the City Auditorium, will have pro boxing shows this winter.

Fighters in this vicinity or traveling to the coast are urged to contact the writer at 514 E. 21 St., Cheyenne Wyo. Phone 2-3043.

CONNECTICUT RING NEWS
By DON HAMILL

DURING the month, the game flourished in Hartford, New Haven and Waterbury. New London, New Britain and Bridgeport also did fairy well. Pete Montesi, Danbury promoter, hasn't had too much support, so is cutting out the expense of the one pro bout and will run cards made up of all semi-pro bouts. Irving Cohen and Chickie Bogad have taken over at Stamford. Gus Browne is doing a great job in Hartford, and George Sheppard and George Mulligan are doing well in New Haven and Waterbury, respectively.

Stamford—Columbus Hall—Tony Vero, 150½, Stamford, made short work of Natie Brown, 155½, Philadelphia Negro, whom he stopped in the second round. Charley Maples, 159, Stamford, scored a two-round kayo over Eddie Forest, 163½, New York, in the six-round semi-final. Henry Victoria, 163, Bridgeport, looked impressive in winning in four rounds over Matt Campbell, 167½, Stamford. Joe Guarino, 144½, Stamford, stopped Sammy King, 140½, New York, with a cut eye at the end of the second round. Eddie Creig, 154½, Stamford, scored a clean-cut knockout over Tommy Young, 154, Stamford, in the first round.

New Haven Arena—Billy Walker, 159, Saybrook, pounded out a hard-fought eight-round decision over Coolidge Miller, 164, New York Negro, in a bout that proved a real Donnybrook. Julie Kogon, 138, New Haven, got off on another comeback when he belted out Jose Torres, 133, Puerto Rico, late in the first round. Dino Belita, 137, Canton, O., impressed with a one-round kayo over Charley Grant, 139, New York, in a slated six. Johnny Corbett, 149, Branford, lost on a T.K.O. to Joe Bowman, 149½, New York, in the third when he suffered cuts over both eyes. Jerry Parision, 134, Montreal, decisioned Young Griffin, 137½, New York, in a four.

New Britain—Stanley Arena—Tony Vero, 154, Stamford, gained an unpopular ten-round decision over Joe Bennett, 155, New York Negro. LeRoy Haynes, 143, New York Negro, decisioned Freddy Coppola, 139, Stamford, in the six-round semi-final. Jimmy Slack, 167, New York, was awarded the nod over Renato Ponte, 167, Italy, in another six-rounder.

Stamford—Columbus Hall—Tito Valles, 123, New York, opened a deep cut over the left eye of Clem Rodrigues, 125, Mexico, and was awarded a technical knockout in the second round. In six-round preliminaries, Johnny Terriano, 145, Norwalk, stopped Chick Jones, 145, Boston, in 2:10 of the third round; and Jim Lake, 174, Montreal, kayoed Jesse (Candy) Lee, 169, New York, in 1:50 of the fifth.

Hartford Auditorium—Nick Stato, 131½, the Springfield Greek, was held to a draw by Georgie Dunn, 131, Hartford Negro, in a disputed bout. After letting Dunn take the lead, Stato came back in the closing heats to drop Dunn in the ninth round and nearly win by a knockout. Referee Louis Kid Kaplan erred in his tabulation and gave the decision to Dunn, but later in the evening it was reversed to a draw. Billy Brown, 160½, Manchester, outlasted Bat Stroud, 165, Hartford, in a good six. Johnny Bell, 138½, New Britain, knew too much for Ossie Andrews, 138, New Haven, in another six. Al Silverman, 138, New York, was given a highly disputed decision over Al Delmont, 135, Warren, R. I., in six rounds. Enos Tebo, 126, Winnebago Indian now residing in Hartford, and Andy Bishop, 126, Fitchburg, Mass., boxed a four-round draw.

Bridgeport—Knights of Columbus Hall—Charley McPherson, 165, New York Negro, won a technical knockout over Bennie McCombs, 165, Flint, Mich., when McCombs suffered a bad cut over his right eye in the first round. Johnny Thomas, 138, New York, outpointed Carl Stein, 138, New York, in an eight-rounder. Jimmy Jeannette, 115, Washington, took a six-round decision over Jose DeMedina, 115, Puerto Rico.

Waterbury State Armory—Frankie Vigeant, 146, Waterbury, continued his winning ways by scoring an upset ten-round win over Benny Singleton, 151, Waterbury Negro, in a bruising battle, in which Benny was floored twice. Kenny James, 149, Waterbury Negro, won the eight-round semi-final by outpointing Henry Holt, 151, Danbury Negro, in a slow bout. Earl Roys, 118, Bristol, kayoed Jackie Cohen, 120, Boston, in the second round. In another six, Enos Tebo, 126, Hartford, got up off the floor twice in the second round to drop Al Harris, 134, New York Negro, twice to get an even break. In the opener, Lou Jackson, 139, New Haven Negro, and Joe DeMaria, 136, Waterbury, ended up all even after four rounds.

Danbury State Armory—Dennis McCabe, 143, New York, narrowly outpointed Earl (Red) Caddick, 142, Bristol, in the six-round feature. Jack Dempsey was on hand to referee three of the preliminaries.

New Haven Arena—Mickey Williams, 138, New Haven, surprised by holding Julie Kogon, 134, also of New Haven, to an eight-round draw in the feature bout. Williams outboxed and outscored Kogon but was dropped twice during the bout. George LaRover, 142, Philadelphia, scored a knockout over Ivan Christie, 139, New York, in the third of the companion eight-round bout but suffered a broken hand. Dino Belita, 134, Canton, O., decisioned Tommy Murray, 134, Montreal, in a six-rounder. Billy Brown, 158, Manchester, looked good in beating Joe Bowman, 154, New York, in another six. Joe Guarino, 141, Stamford, was given the duke over Young Griffin, 139, New York, in a four.

New Britain—Stanley Arena—Henry Jordan, 148, New York Negro, won a ten-round decision over LeRoy Haynes, 147, New York Negro, in the feature bout. Referee Jigger McCarthy of New Haven gave Jordan eight rounds and called two even. In the semi-final, Jose DeMedina, 118, Puerto Rico, drew with Jimmy Jeannette, 117, Washington, in six rounds. Another scheduled six had Johnny Bell, 139, New Britain, knocking out Ray Robinson, 140, New York, in 1:15 of the fourth round. Two semi-pro bouts made up the remainder of the card.

Stamford—Columbus Hall—Jim Lake, 175, Montreal, outsmarted Jimmy Hooper, 174, New York, in the eight-round feature. Hooper enraged by Lake's cool boxing went all out in the fifth round, but failed to unravel the Canadian. Ernie Butler, 152, Washington, punched too hard for Lew Miller, 150½, Brooklyn, who was stopped in the third, due to cuts. Leroy McQueen, 165½, New York, kayoed Tommy McKenna, 164½, London, in the fifth round of a six-rounder. Mike Silipo, 158, New Haven, won a four-round decision from Johnny Charino, 156, Long Island. Dan Muriello, 121, Brooklyn, won over Jerry O'Brien, 122, New York, in four.

Hartford Auditorium—Lou Alter, 126, Montreal, with the aid of a highly disputed decision, scored one of the biggest upsets seen in Hartford in some time, when he was awarded Referee Billy Taylor's one-point decision over Dennis (Pat) Brady, 128, Bronx, N. Y. Another bout that left the crowd hooting Referee Taylor was the six-round semi-final. Nearly everyone in the house but the referee saw Willie Andrews, 146½, New Haven, hit Billy Ross, 145, Middletown, low in the second round, but Ross was counted out as he lay writhing on the canvas. Danny Butler, 128, New York, was awarded a six-round duke over Joey Dell, 130, New Haven, while Lou Jackson, 139, New Haven, Negro, was a six-round winner over Joe DeMaria, 136, Waterbury. A semi-pro bout furnished the curtain-raiser.

New London—Ocean Beach Park—Sandy McPherson, 223, Tulsa, Okla., was held to an eight-round draw in his second meeting with Gene (Tiger) Jones, 203, Camden, N. J., Negro. Like their first meeting six weeks prior, it was a rugged battle all the way. McPherson took the decision in the first bout. A card of semi-pro bouts featuring New London boys made up the undercard.

New Haven Arena—Dino Belita, 129½, Canton, O., made good his chance to box in a main event by scoring a surprise one-round knockout over Joey Iannotti, 129½, New Haven, in 2:13. A right to the jaw dropped Iannotti. He took a nine-count and then fell over against the ropes where he was taking a beating when Referee John Cluney intervened. Every bout on the card ended in a knockout. George Greytak, 140, Bridgeport, stopped Jimmy Sheppard, 136, New York, in the second of another eight-rounder. George Dunn, 132½, Hartford Negro, knocked out Bobby Woods, 130, New York, in the fourth round of a third eight. Joe Monteiro, 132, Hartford, knocked out Freddie Coppola, 135½, Stamford, in the second of a six-rounder. In the opener Jackie Maddox, 144½, Hartford Negro, halted Joe Guarino, 143, Stamford, in two heats.

New Britain—Stanley Arena—Roy Williams, 160, New York Negro, won a close decision over Baby Sims, 164, New York Negro, in a hard-fought and bruising ten-round battle. In the semi-final slated for eight rounds, Jimmy Jeannette, 118, Washington, D. C., knocked out Jose DeMedina, 117, Puerto Rico, in the seventh round. Willard Lester, 167, Los Angeles, knocked out Willie Hedgemen, 172, New York, in the third of a four. Two semi-pro bouts rounded out the card.

Stamford—Columbus Hall—Buddy Knox, 205, Dayton, O., won a dull eight-round decision over George Bensick, 185, Pueblo, Colo. The undercard was very good. Tommy Lynch, 144, New York, stopped Charley Grant, 145, New York, in the fifth of the six-round semi-final. Ray Spurlock, 155, Kansas City, won a six-round decision over Horace Bailey, 156½, New York. Mike Silipo, 160, New Haven, took a four-round decision from Eddie Downs, 156, New York. Don Muriello, 120, Jamaica, scored over Al Smith, 123½, Ozone Park, in the opener of four rounds.

Hartford Auditorium—George (Red) Doty, 156, Hartford, won a ten-round decision over Charlie McPherson, 162, New York Negro, in a dull bout. This was their third meeting, with the first two bouts being action-packed battles. Augie Brett, 132, Hartford, won a six-round duke over Al Harris, 134½, New York, in a bout that marked Brett's return to the local wars. Joey Freda, 146, Brooklyn, won on a T.K.O. when Earl (Red) Caddick, 142, Bristol, suffered a badly cut eye near the end of the fifth round. Mickey Canty, 150, Springfield, Mass., knocked out Billy Ross, 145, Middletown, in the fifth of a listed six. Canty substituted for Willie Andrews. A semi-pro bout got things under way.

Waterbury State Armory—Irish Billy Walker, 159, Saybrook, scored a six-round knockout over game Art Tatta, 158, New Haven's battle-scarred veteran of the European war. It was a savagely-fought battle for the Connecticut middleweight championship with Walker having an edge from the start. Ernie Griffin, 172, Hartford Negro, won on a technical knockout when Tony Gillo, 170, New Haven, suffered a cut lip in the sixth round of the eight-round semi-final. Enos Tebo, 126, Hartford, won handily over Danny Butler, 128, New York, in a six-rounder. Howard Johnson, 162, Bridgeport Negro, won a close six-round decision over George Slater, 162, Philadelphia Negro. Billy Williams, 134, Bridgeport, scored over Joe DeMaria, 137, Waterbury, in the opener of four heats.

New Haven Arena—Julie Kogon, 134, New Haven, flattened Mickey Williams, 137, New Haven, in 1:15 of the first round after dropping him for two nine-counts within the first 30 seconds. Williams had held Kogon to a draw only two weeks prior in what was an upset. Many believed that Williams should have won the first bout. Phil Burton, 142, New York, outpointed George Greytak, 141, Bridgeport, in the eight-round semi-final. Billy Brown, 159, Manchester, decisioned Dick Fuller, 162, Norwalk, in a good six-round bout. Jack Lyons, 171, Oklahoma City, and Bridgeport, outpointed Sam Maltempo, 176, Willimantic, in another six. Rudy Madera, 130, Stamford, won by a decision over Grady Wilson, 129, New York, in the opening four-rounder.

New Britain—Stanley Arena—Pat Byers, 149, Kanapolis, N. C., Negro, knocked out Chevo Ramos, 148, Mexico, in 1:50 of the second round. Ramos went down six times in the first and once in the second before being floored for keeps. Benny Davis, 159, Port Chester, N. Y., decisioned Whitey Kozey, 155, New Britain, in the six-round semi-windup. Johnny Bell, 139, New Britain, decisioned Honeyboy Villa, 139, New York Negro, in another six-rounder. Two semi-pro bouts completed the card.

The writer is managing Joe Monteiro, who during the month kayoed Johnny Compo and Freddie Coppola, in two rounds apiece, and Enos Tebo, who beat Kid Cournoyer, drew with Andy Bishop and Al Harris, beat Danny Butler and knocked out Hank Ferro. There is plenty of work in this section for fighters who can fight. Unattached fighters are asked to contact the writer, Don Hamill, 250 Saybrooke St., Hartford, Conn.

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND
By GEORGE ROSS

LOU "LUCKY" LANGLEY, 118, is fighting regularly around New England. He is a very pleasing fighter. He may be reached through the writer at 50 Carlton Ave., Chicopee Falls, Mass.

Indoor boxing clubs are opening up all over the East. Ludlow, Mass., now has one promoted by Al Gauthier, a former lightweight boxer. Athol, Mass., has another with Charlie McAdams, a former boxing manager, in charge. Southbridge, Mass., has one with Vernon Cormier, former feather boxer, handling it. Bennington, Vt., is going with (Kid Jack) Arthur Lemieux, former welterweight, in charge. Brattleboro, Vt., is drawing well with Joe DeMaria promoting. He also promotes in Pittsfield, Mass., with a fair sized club.

Henry Armstrong is traveling around New England refereeing. He worked in Pittsfield, Mass., one week and the next in Athol, Mass. Armstrong, the holder of three titles at one time, is well liked by the boxing fans.

Walter McCormick is proud of his pupil, Mike Delnero. Walter also has Don Wright doing well. He also trains Tommy Jessup and Lou "Lucky" Langley.

Oreal Rainault, who is president of the Valley Arena, is a very energetic and active promoter.

Joe Marucco, who promoted boxing shows at North Adams, Mass., last summer, will try again next summer.

Harry Stone, who is seldom mentioned in this column, is one of the regular boxing men in this section. Harry is manager, trainer and second to many boys up this way.

Ralph McNeil, a good bantamweight boxer out of Springfield, Mass., traveled to Montreal, Canada, and lost a very close fight there. THE RING can be bought at the Valley Arena on fight night.

TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

JOE BAKSI, first American heavyweight to invade Europe since the war ended, scored a technical knockout over Freddie Mills of England in the sixth round before a sell-out crowd of 11,000 at Harringay Arena on the American election day.

It was the first American heavyweight victory over a British fighter on English soil since Maxie Baer knocked out Ben Foord of South Africa at London in 1937.

Mills was forced to "retire" before the beginning of the seventh round because his left eye had been battered almost closed by Baksi's blows.

Baksi of Kulpmont, Pa., one of America's foremost heavyweights, outweighed Mills 27½ pounds. Baksi scaled 211¼, Mills 184.

Arthur (Ginger) Sadd, 162, Norwich, defeated Len Harrison, 156, South Elmshall, in the fourth of a scheduled ten-rounder at Norwich, when the latter was disqualified for an alleged low blow.

Until the unfortunate ending the bout had produced many thrills, and matters were divided pretty evenly, with both lads attacking and neither giving ground.

Sadd had received a rather nasty cut under his left eye during the fourth session, and the end came as a disappointment to the fans, all of whom had settled back to watch a keenly-contested bout.

Bert Buxton, 142, of Norwich, scored a fine win when he knocked out Tommy Shaw, 140, of Coventry, in the second of a scheduled ten-round contest.

Buxton wasted no time at all, tearing into his opponent from the opening gong, and soon had him in trouble. Following up his attack in the second round, Buxton threw a series of hard lefts and rights to Shaw's head, the latter being knocked through the ropes, where, although in a badly dazed condition, he made every effort to beat the count. He failed and Buxton was awarded the decision.

Charlie White, 126, of Norwich, outpointed Danny Nagle, 124, of Ireland, in six rounds. Ray Edwards, 126, of Diss, drew with Alf Carter, 128, of Norwich, in another six-rounder. Frankie Peters, 142, of Dagenham outpointed Tommy Bowers, 150, of Methwold, in eight rounds, and Len Gidney, Norwich, knocked out Ivor Warren, Ipswich, in the first of a scheduled six.

Frank Kenny, 126½, of Glasgow outpointed Joe Kay, 127, of Norwich, in eight rounds at the Engineers' Club, West Hartlepool.

Jack Lee of Consett outpointed Harry Crocker of Leeds in ten rounds, while Val Young of Sunderland knocked out Jimmy Butlin of Middlesborough in the second of a scheduled eight-round contest.

Bob Jessop of Tipton defeated Jimmy Leece of West Hartlepool in the fourth of a listed six-rounder, when the latter suffered a damaged hand. Peter McMinn of Washington defeated Austin Flynn of Durham, the towel being thrown in in the third of a scheduled six-rounder, and D. Stansil of West Hartlepool knocked out R. Williams of West Hartlepool in the fourth of a scheduled six-rounder.

Jack Smith, 190, of Worcester, defeated Jimmy Saxton, 191½, of Manchester, the latter retiring at the end of the third of an intended ten round contest at Malvern.

Cyril Vale, of Worcester, outpointed Johnny "Darkie" Davis, of Gelligaer, in six rounds. Norman Rodgers, of Gelligaer, knocked out Ray Payne, of Worcester, in the second of another six rounder. Louis Wilde, of Worcester, outpointed Jimmy Williams, of Bargoed, in ten rounds, and Mike McTigue, of Ireland, outpointed Billy Edwards, of Argoed, in eight.

Ric Saunders, 139¾, of Leicester, outpointed Pat Cunnane, 145, of Doncaster, in eight rounds at Mansfield.

Albert Anthony, of Mansfield, drew with Alex Watkinson, of Doncaster, in eight rounds. Ken Ballard, of Alfreton, outpointed George Oldfield, of Youlgreave, in six rounds. Alf Ankers, of Sutton-in-Ashfield, was beaten by Stan Wilson, of Forest Town, in the second of a scheduled six rounder. Johnny Wilks, of Wales, kayoed Billy Rhodes, of Forest Town, in the fourth of a scheduled six round bout.

Billy Biddles, 138, of Birmingham, outpointed Billy Barton, 135½, of Liverpool, in eight rounds at Birmingham.

Billy Davies, of Birmingham, defeated Larry Benson, of Liverpool, the referee calling a halt in the seventh of a slated ten rounder, when Benson had sustained a badly cut eye.

Charlie Ellis, of Ilkeston, outpointed Don Meakin, of Belper, in eight, while a scheduled six between Frank Delaney, of Widnes, and Mickey Donovan, ended in the third, the latter retiring after having taken several counts.

Former British Welterweight Champion, Jake Kilrain, of Bellshill, now embarked on the comeback trail at the age of 32, annexed the Scottish Middleweight Championship at the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, when he knocked out Eddie Starrs, of Lochgelly, in the fourth of a scheduled fifteen-round contest.

Kilrain made good use of his long years of experience, and was well ahead on points at the finish.

Rinty Monaghan, Ulster Flyweight Champion, outpointed Alex Murphy, of Port Glasgow, in an eight and Johnny McManus, Scottish Lightweight Champion, outpointed George Daly, of London, in another eight.

Danny Woods, of Clydebank, and Doug Furey, of Dundee, were matched for twelve rounds at Dundee, in an elimination tilt for the Scottish lightweight title, but three rounds proved sufficient for Woods as he kayoed his opponent with a smart left hook to the jaw.

Billy Ross, of Methil, beat Harry McLaughlin, of Glasgow, the referee intervening in the sixth of a scheduled eight.

Bobby Boland, of Dundee, defeated Neil McIntyre, of Glasgow, in the second of a scheduled six. Jim Sheppard, of Glasgow, outpointed Jock McCusker, of Glasgow, in ten. Pat Kelly, of Perth, drew with Tim McGrory, of Glasgow, in a ten rounder.

Jackie Bryce, of Airdrie, outpointed Charlie Kerr, of Glasgow, in twelve rounds at Leith. Bryce, the attacker throughout, punched hard and often to notch a good points win.

Frank Naro, of Dumbarton, won over Billy McCarthy, of Coatbridge, in the third of a scheduled ten round contest, when the latter retired. Billy Gunn, of Chapelhall, outpointed Billy Hendrie, of Clydebank, in a six round contest. Joe Burke, of Dumbarton, beat Tony McGowan, of Ulster, when the latter retired at the end of the second of a scheduled six rounder. Jimmy Dunn, of Glasgow, outpointed Eddie Carson, of Glasgow, in six rounds.

Teddy Gardner, of West Hartlepool, easily outpointed Jack Mussen, of Belfast, in ten rounds at Middlesborough.

Hughie Smith, of Sunderland, knocked out Harry Barrett, of Barnsley, in the third of a scheduled ten rounder.

Frankie Brady, of Leeds, outpointed Pat Casey, of Newcastle, in eight rounds. Dick Willa, of Shotton, knocked out Billy Nelson, of Hartlepool, in the second of a scheduled six round contest. Bob Conway, of Norton, beat Jack Leece, of Darlington, on points in six rounds.

Cliff Curvis, 127, the brilliant Swansea featherweight, put up another sterling performance, when he easily outpointed Billy Marlow, 126¼, of Battersea, in eight rounds at Trealaw.

Curvis, who rates as one of the outstanding featherweight challengers, boxed beautifully, and didn't lose a round.

Sam Bailey, of Cardiff, outpointed Bryn Davies, of Skewen, in eight rounds. Joe Hughes, of Gilfach Goch, outpointed Curley Roberts of Swansea, in six rounds. Billy Perks, of Clyach Vale, outpointed Harold Williams, of Neath, in six rounds.

Johnny Williams, of Glasgow, beat Billy Rose, of Methil, in the third of a scheduled ten round contest at the Grove Stadium, Glasgow, when the latter retired with a badly cut eye.

Tod Whyte, of Shieldhall, beat Harry Ward, of Perth, when the latter was disqualified in the fifth of a scheduled ten.

Tom McGoldrick, of Perth, beat Benny Morrison, of Dumbarton, the latter retiring in the fifth of a scheduled ten round contest, when he had received a badly cut eye. Joe Hendry, of Glasgow, beat Tom Moore, of Glasgow, in the first of a ten rounder, the referee calling a halt after Moore had taken much punishment.

Jeff Heath, 162, of Worcester, outpointed Johnny Blake, 163, of Chelsea, in eight rounds at the Mile End Arena.

Alf Fuller, 170, of Dalston, beat Roy Watson, 166, of Bow, the referee stopping the contest at the end of the fourth of an eight rounder. Dai Davies, 133, of Wales, knocked out Teddy Hills, 127, of Walthamstow, in the second, after Hills had taken three long counts. Danny Nagle, of Ireland, knocked out Billy Cook, of Ireland, in the fourth of a slated six rounder. Bobby Lodge, of Walthamstow, outpointed Les Ballysax, of Stepney, in six rounds, while Alf Crockford, of Bow, beat Harry Brooks, of Aldgate, in eight rounds.

Laurie Buxton, of Watford, punched too hard for Douglas Bygrave, of Norwich, who was unable to come up for the fourth of a scheduled eight rounder at Scarborough.

Jackie Mansell, of Hull, knocked out Jeff Miller, of Castleford, in the seventh of a scheduled eight. Dicky Grant, of Barnsley, knocked out Joe Pattinson, of Castleford, in the sixth of a scheduled eight round contest. Stan Blount, of South Elmshall, outpointed Ted Barter, of Kingston, in a fourth eight.

Jimmy Gill, 114, of Nottingham, outpointed Mickey Colbert, 116, of Galway, in eight rounds, at the Engineers' Club, West Hartlepool.

The Irishman tried hard to bring the bout to an end via a kayo, but Gill boxed coolly and well to notch a points win.

Pat Gorman, of Wheatley Hill, knocked out Danny McCormick, of Liverpool, in the third of a scheduled ten round contest. Laurie Morrow, of West Hartlepool, retired at the end of the first round of an intended eight rounder against Tommy Scott, of Norton.

Kid Wingfield, of Nottingham, outpointed Mark Harrison, of West Hartlepool, in six rounds, and Jackie Crozier, of Durham, outpointed Jim Smith, of Shotton, over a similar distance.

Bert Chambers, 147½, of Wiches, beat Bob Mellett, 149, of Bolton, when the latter retired at the end of the second of a scheduled ten round contest at Morecambe, with a badly cut eye.

In an eight rounder, Denny Wright, of Preston, outpointed Frank Morley, of Oldham.

Joe Barry, of Bolton, retired in the third of another scheduled eight with Joe Turnbull, of Lancaster, when he received a badly cut mouth. Jack Brown, of Stockport, retired at the end of the third of a scheduled eight round contest against Johnny Barton, of Lancaster, when he had taken considerable punishment.

Hal Bagwell, of Gloucester, outpointed Joe Kay, of Norwich, in eight rounds, at Birmingham.

George Chaplin, of Walsall, defeated Joe Barry, of Bolton, when the latter retired at the end of the sixth round with a damaged knee. Lou Wilde, of Worcester, outpointed Johnny Walsh, of Bolton, in eight rounds. Jesse Bertwhistle, of Bolton, defeated Len Dixon, of Birmingham, in eight and Pat Newey, of Birmingham, knocked out Darkie Williams, of Birmingham, in the third of a six rounder.

Frank Bonser, 118, of Nottingham, substituted for Mickey Jones, of Southend, against Les Johnson, 117, of Finsbury Park, at the Mile End Arena and at the close of an eight rounder had earned a draw.

Bobby Lodge, of Walworth, outpointed Vic Manini, of Lambeth, in ten, while Alf Crockford, of Stratford, was extremely unlucky in his contest with Les Ballysax, of Stamford Hill, for after looking like a certain winner for six rounds, Ballysax swung wildly and landed right on the point of Crockford's chin and sent him down as though poleaxed. The bell saved Alf, but Ballysax repeated the dose in the seventh, and Crockford had absolutely no chance of beating the count.

Harry Warren, of Morden, beat Billy Cook, of Ireland, the referee stopping the fight at the end of the third of a scheduled six round contest. Jimmy Doyle, of Hoxton, beat Ted Pryor, of Croydon, the latter retiring at the end of the third of a listed six rounder. Tommy Dawson, of Stratford, outpointed Danny Nagle, of Ireland, in eight rounds.

Allan Cooke, 170½, of Warsop, literally threw victory away when, after leading all the way in his contest with Raymond Buddle, 180½, Chatteris, he was disqualified in the fifth of a scheduled eight rounder for an alleged low blow in the star bout at Ipswich.

Charlie Knock, 166, of Hanley, fought hard all the way to outpoint Don Smith, 150, of High Wycombe, in eight rounds. Ray Parsons, of Chatteris, outpointed Herbie Beckett, of Ipswich, in six rounds. Billy Barnard, of Needham Market, outpointed Nobby Clarke, of Ipswich, in six rounds.

Bob Blair, 149, of Middleton, beat Tommy Harlow, 149, of Lancaster, the referee intervening in the third of a scheduled ten at Blackburn.

Tommy Dawes, of Blackburn, beat Wilf Stacey, of Manchester, in the sixth of a scheduled eight. Frank Clough, of Blackburn, outpointed Mickey Donovan, of Manchester, in another eight and Art Dixon, of Preston, outpointed Ted Bryan, of Burnley, also over the eight round route.

Stan Rowan, 121½, of Liverpool, defeated Mickey Colbert, 115¾, of Galway, the referee intervening in the third of a scheduled eight round contest at Liverpool, after Colbert had absorbed severe punishment.

Alf Taylor, of Warrington, outpointed Jimmy O'Brien, of Sdmouth, in ten rounds. Jerry Speers, of Barrow, knocked out Billy Kendrick, of Widnes, in the fifth of a scheduled eight while Billy Hunt, of Salford, beat Freddie Wilks, of Birkenhead, the latter retiring at the end of the first of a scheduled eight, and Frank Dolan, of Leeds, outpointed Jackie Jones, of Bolton, in six rounds.

Jim Laverick, of South Shields, knocked out Alec Watkinson, of Doncaster, in the eighth and last round at the New St. James' Hall, Newcastle.

Charlie Hall, of North Shields, outpointed Billy Carroll, of Doncaster. Bobby Thompson, of Dipton, knocked out Eddie Johnson, of Leeds, in the third of a scheduled eight, and Joe Collins, of Low Fell, drew with Tommy Scott, of Morton, in eight rounds.

Wilf Robinson, of Hickleton Main, outpointed Harry Crocker, of Leeds, in eight rounds, while Sexton O'Keefe, of Lynemouth, knocked out Pat Butler, of London, in the fourth of another slated eight rounder.

An added attraction was the appearance of Bruce Woodcock, British Empire Heavyweight Champion, who boxed a three round exhibition with Bill Brennan, of Jarrow.

Charlie Hall, of North Shields, outpointed Tommy Caswell, of Leeds, in ten rounds at Middlesborough.

Jack Todd, of Sunderland, outpointed Les Tilsley, of Leeds, in ten heats. Billy Kane, of Newcastle, knocked out Geof Ellis, of Leeds, in the fifth of a scheduled eight. Len James, of West Hartlepool, kayoed Dick Willis, of Shotton, in the fifth of a six rounder, and Dick Stansil, of West Hartlepool, knocked out Soldier Tony Eaton, of Great Auton, in the third of a scheduled six rounder.

There was an unfortunate ending to the scheduled eight rounder between Alex Buxton, 160½, of Watford, and George Dilks, 156, of Barnsley, when Dilks was forced to retire in the third with a badly cut eye.

Rugger North, 144, of Barnsley, beat Joe Griffiths, of Wales, the referee calling a halt in the third of a scheduled eight rounder, when Griffiths had taken several long counts and was in a bad way.

Roy Dymott, of West Hampstead, and Reg Spring, of Southall, fought a terrific six round bout, and the draw verdict was well received. Jock Taylor, of Sidcup, defeated Bob McArdle, of Kingsley, the latter retiring at the end of the third of an eight round bout. Frank Peters, of Dagenham, beat Eddie Parsons, of South Elmshall, in eight rounds. Harry Raybould, of Featherstone, beat Len Saunders, of King Langley, the referee calling a halt in the third when Saunders had taken severe punishment.

Don Cameron, of Glasgow, won over J. Williams, of Glasgow, the referee intervening in the seventh of a listed eight at the Grove Stadium, Glasgow, when Williams received a badly cut eye.

Archie Berry, of Glasgow, proved too good for Tommy Williamson, of Glasgow, and knocked him out in the third round.

Jim Bright, of Glasgow, stopped Ginger Miller, of Fife, in the first of a scheduled six rounder, and Jim Harty, of Coatbridge, defeated Johnny Kildare, of Motherwell, in the third of another slated six.

Since the contests had been of such short duration, Archie Berry, of Glasgow, made a second appearance the same evening, but was less fortunate this time, losing on points to Barney McVeigh, of Greenock, in three rounds.

Mick McCann, 145, of Ireland, was disqualified at the end of the second of a scheduled ten round contest with Phil Volante, 142, of Birmingham, at the Mile End Arena, for what was adjudged as a low blow.

Billy Davis, of Birmingham, outpointed Billy "Kid" Brooks, of Stratford, in ten rounds. Tom Dawson, of Stratford, fought well to beat Freddie Smith, of Morden, the referee stopping the fight in the eighth and last round. Chris Adcock, of Rochdale, outpointed Billy Westwood, of Birmingham, in ten and Sam Gamelin, of London, knocked out Vic Toberfield, of Birmingham, in the third of a scheduled six rounder.

Tommy Bostock of Mansfield outpointed Jack Page of Alfreton in eight fierce rounds at Mexborough.

Geoff Turp of Wembwell outpunched Billy Masters of Glasgow for seven rounds, and then the chief second in Masters' corner skied the towel as a token of defeat.

Wilf Robinson of Hickleton outpointed George King of Alfreton in six.

Peter Taylor of Alfreton knocked out Ronnie Fish of Hickleton in the third.

Ken Ballard of Alfreton gained a points win over Eddie Mason of Ripley in six.

Jack Marino of Bridgewater knocked out Charlie Pipe of Curry in the second at Taunton.

Jimmy Bryan of Gloucester outpointed Doug Broom of Chard in six rounds.

Dick Wheller of Langport defeated Wally Potts of Crewe, the referee stopping the fight in the fourth when Potts had received a badly cut eye.

Bryan Collins of Bristol knocked out Roy Bexx of Yeovil in the third.

Billy Parsons of Highbridge outpointed George Wellman of Parkstone in eight rounds.

J. Bossinger of Taunton stopped George Wheller of Langport in the sixth due to a nasty cut over the eye.

Harry Burt of Leicester was outpointed over eight rounds by Harry Legge of Poole at Torquay.

Jack McKnight of Ireland was halted by Andy McKenzie of Scotland in 3 rounds. McKnight had taken severe punishment.

Teddy Peckham of Bournemouth outpointed Len Pascoe of Truro in eight rounds.

Jack Lewis of Bournemouth knocked out Trevor Burt of Wales in the second.

Benny Mien of Bournemouth drew with Billy Andrews of Torquay in six.

Bunty Doran of Ireland scored a good win when he outpointed the Welsh bantamweight champion, Norman Lewis of Nantymoel in 10 rounds at Port Talbot. Doran took an early lead. Lewis tried hard during the middle rounds but he fell away again and Doran once more began piling up the points to secure a clear-cut victory.

Mick Gibbons of Belfast drew with Wally Downs of Tylorstown in 10.

Ron Cooper of Pyle outpointed Len Pitman of Maestag in 8.

Tommy Fisher of Nantymoel outpointed Len Vaughan of Pontypridd in 8.

Ivor Richards of Aberavon drew with Bobby Gilder in six rounds.

Joe Brither of Morecambe was outpointed by Kid Socks of Openshaw in eight rounds at Morecambe.

Jack Ryan of Widnes was knocked out in the fourth by Johnny Turnbull of Lancaster.

Pat Ryan of Widnes was knocked out by Dave Edwards of Liverpool in the tenth round.

Bill Johnson of Manchester retired in the fifth with Billy Taylor of Preston when he received a damaged hand.

Jackie Fairclough of Preston knocked out Dickie MacFadden of Lancaster in the third.

Billy Marlow, 134, of London knocked out Alf Phillips, 136, of Newark in the second at Derby.

Frank Woodcock, 138, of Nottingham outpointed Stan Hibbert, 141½, of Battersea in a strenuous eight-rounder.

George Carrington of Radford outpointed Billy Slaney of Derby in six.

Ken Ballard of Alfreton outpointed Jack Nelson of Sutton in six.

Des Wright of Sutton outpointed Ronnie Pierce of Nottingham in eight rounds.

Johnny Boyd of Peterborough outpointed Dick Turpin of Leamington in eight rounds at Birmingham. Turpin showed only flashes of his old brilliant self, and Boyd was a clear winner at the end.

Johnny Williams of Rugby outpointed Jimmy Hollis of Sedgeley in six rounds.

Denny Dennis of Derby outpointed Roy Davis of Spratton in 8.

Bryn Ringe of Rugby knocked out Arthur Rainbow of West Bfomwich in the second while Mick Foran of Smethwick won over Ken Tyso of Rugby when the latter was disqualified in the fourth for hitting his opponent while the latter was still down.

Tommy Burnham, 133, of Fulham made good use of a tremendous height advantage to outpoint Ben Duffy, 131, of Jarrow in 8 at the Merry Fiddlers', Dagenham.

Pat O'Connor, 169, of Ireland outpointed Ernie Woodman, 177, of Battersea in 8 rounds.

Len Coffin, 118½, of Bethnal Green, coming in as a substitute for Tim Maloney, sprang a surprise by outpointing the highly touted Jimmy Webster, 118, of Canning Town in 8.

Reg. Hoblyn, 149, of Hounslow punched too hard for Jimmy Stewart, 153, of Brighton who retired in the sixth.

Mickey Jones, 116, of Southend, and Billy Hazelgrove of Brighton, 116, drew in eight rounds.

Frank Baldwin, 150, of British Honduras lost to Dick Wheller, 142, of Bournemouth in 10 rounds at Worthing.

Kid Robertson, 129, of British Honduras drew with Harry Legge of Poole, 134, in 10 rounds.

Harry Lawrence of Crewkerne, outpointed Ernie "Red" Pullen of Wales in 10.

Jimmy Carrol of Manchester outpointed Taffy Woods of Southend in 10.

Johnny Boreham of Enfield beat Sid Coulson of Croydon in six rounds.

Johnny Brickwell of Waltham Cross drew with Ted McCormick, Royal Navy, in six rounds.

There was an unfortunate ending to the contest between Sammy Reynolds of Wolverhampton and Rinty Monaghan of Ireland when in the eighth round at Belfast Reynolds was disqualified for an alleged low blow.

Johnny Ingle, 133¾, Eire lightweight champion, knocked out Danny McAllister, 136½, of Belfast in the fourth.

Alex Woods, 178½, of Randalstown defeated Eddie Donaldson, 183, of Edinburgh in eight rounds.

Peter Fallon of Birkenhead defeated Billy O'Niel of Belfast in the seventh when O'Niel retired with a badly cut eye.

Eddie McCullagh of Belfast outpointed Ted Berry of St. Helens in eight rounds.

Ginger Sadd, 162½, of Norwich outpointed Jimmy Ingle, 159¾, of Dublin in eight rounds.

Dick Levers of Chesterfield outpointed Chris Jenkins of Birmingham in eight rounds at Wisbech.

Charlie Perry of Wisbech outpointed Charlie Ellis of Ilkston in 8.

Ivor Roberts of Melton Mowbray beat Harry Sargeant of Denver, the contest being halted in the fifth.

Charlie Waters of Downham market outpointed Gus Harris of Wisbech in six rounds.

Doug. Saggers of Murrow received the decision over Paddy Gleeson of Ireland when the latter was disqualified in the fifth for a low blow.

Keith Weston of Wisbech beat Wally Roberts of Melton Mowbray, the referee calling a halt at the end of the first.

Peter Wilson of Wisbech defeated Arthur Jackson of Manea, the referee calling a halt in the first.

Harry O'Grady, 161, of Amersham defeated Ken Hill of Wolverton, 160, when the latter retired at the end of the eighth.

Les Innes of Watford, knocked out George Gutteridge of Slough, in the first.

Pat Crawford of Aylesbury, outpointed Ted MacDonald of Watford, in eight rounds.

Sid Cooke of Coventry, outpointed Johnny Griffiths of Southend, in 10.

Jack Cramer of Ireland, beat Billy Cook of Ireland, in the fourth. Cook took a count of nine, and on rising was in a bad way and the referee decided to call a halt.

"Ginger" Stewart of Hamilton, holder of the Scottish welterweight title, won his semi-final elimination bout for the British title, when he knocked out Henry Hall of Sheffield, in the twelfth at Kelvin Hall, Glasgow.

Jackie Bryce of Airdrie outpointed Alex Murphy of Scotland, in eight.

Teddy O'Niel, Scottish Bantamweight Kingpin, suffered a points defeat at the hands of Charlie Kerr, of Scotland.

Bill Jackson of Jamaica, outpointed Jack Lord of Manchester, eight rounds.

Jackie Robertson of Greenock, outpointed Bobby MacDonald, six rounds.

Norman Twigger of Coventry, defeated Chris Adcock of Rochdale, the referee calling a halt in the eighth round at Cambridge, when Adcock suffered a badly cut eye.

It was an unfortunate ending as Adcock had boxed well, and the decision would have been close.

Tommy Cummings of Leicester, knocked out George Small, in the third.

Eric Hall of Milton, drew with Ralph Moss of Blackpool, over six rounds.

Aubrey Belson of Peterborough, beat Harry Warren of Morden, six rounds on points.

Jimmy Gill, 114, of Maplethorpe, outpointed Joe Curran, 111½, of Liverpool, 10 rounds, at the Stadium, Liverpool.

Gill wasted no time taking the contest to his opponent throughout, and piled up a neat points lead in so doing.

Willie Whyte, 149, Scotland, drew with Dick Shields, 149, of Liverpool, 10 rounds.

Tommy Renner, 164, of Liverpool, knocked out Johnny Jones, 164, of Bolton in the sixth.

Jack Ryder, 133, of Bootle, defeated Bobby Jackson, 138, of Bridlington, the referee intervening at the end of the second.

Frank Kelly, 128, of Liverpool, outpointed Bobby Nicholes, 128, of Guernsey, six hard rounds.

Barney McVeigh of Greenock, beat Bobby Wade of Glasgow, at the Grove Stadium, Glasgow, 10 exciting rounds.

Frank Gilhuley of Larkhall, won on a disqualification over Johnny Smith of Clydebank, within thirty seconds of the last gong for an alleged low blow.

Eddie Carson of Glasgow, outpointed Jim Cater of Glasgow, 10.

Joe Hardy of Glasgow, knocked out Jim Hamilton of Paisley, in the sixth and last round.

Jimmy Davis, 155, of Bethnal Green, boxed well to defeat Jimmy Stewart, 151, of Brighton, the referee calling a halt in the fourth at the Mile End Arena.

Dai Davis, 130, of Wales, knocked out Ron Kitchen, 125, of Tunbridge Wells in the third.

Bob Foster, 142, of Lambeth, defeated Alf Crockford of Stratford, 142, the latter retiring at the end of the second.

George Willoughby of Mitcham, stopped Nick Lucas of India, in the fifth.

Chris Bartlett of Canning Town, punished Eddie Scott of Finchley so badly during the first of their scheduled six rounder, that the referee called a halt.

The referee again intervened, this time in a contest between Les Ballysax of Stamford Hill, and Harry Butler of Bow, which had taken on farcical proportions, and the erstwhile official declared "no contest" in the third.

Billy Crapper of Shirebrook, beat Lewis Hughes of Doncaster, 8, at Mexborough.

Charlie Mills of Mexborough, outpointed Tom Bostock of Mansfield, in eight.

Wilf Robinson of Hickleton outpointed Roy Cutler of Doncaster in 8.

Sonny Grainger of Moorends, outpointed Peter Taylor of Alfreton, six rounds.

Joe Kirkham of Moorends, outpointed Billy Gascoigne of Mansfield, six rounds.

Hal Bagwell of Gloucester, did well to draw with Syd Worgan of Wales, holder of the Welsh Featherweight Title, after eights rounds, at Stroud.

Dick Turpin of Leamington, outpointed Paddy Roche of Ireland, 10 dull rounds.

Ron Pritchard of Llannaran, gave a good display of defense against Eddie Dumazel of Cardiff, but just not good enough. Dumazel won a points decision, 10 rounds.

Mike McTigue of Ireland, and Billy Wagner of Gloucester, battled eight rounds to a draw.

Nick Fisher of Maestag, knocked out Ron Kearse of Stroud, in the fifth.

Billy Knight of Gloucester, knocked out Jack Stover of Birmingham, in the second of a six rounder.

Ric Saunders, 141, of Leicester boxed his way to a points decision over Ginger Ward, 143, of Merthyr, eight rounds, at Morecambe.

Stanley Mack of Preston, was beaten over eight rounds by Mick Donavan of Manchester, despite a three-inch height and reach advantage.

Tony McGowan of Londonderry, stopped Billy Hodgson of Lancaster in the third round.
Nobby Lynch of Londonderry, deputising for Taffy Williams of Swansea, defeated Kid Socks of Manchester, when the latter retired with a damaged eye at the end of the second.
Jock Harding of Crewe, outpointed Johnny Barton of Lancaster, eight rounds.

Roy Coote of Falmouth, defeated Dai Williams of Wales, eight rounds, at Falmouth.
Young Gill of Truro, knocked out Len Riddle of Falmouth, in the second.
Reg Mitchell of Truro, defeated Pat McLean of Penzance, six rounds.
Young Vincent of Truro, defeated Kid McGee of St. Austell, six rounds.

Ray Buddle of Chatteris, 181, came up from behind to knock out Seaman Taffy Davies, 170, of Shrewsbury, in the second, at Bury-St.-Edmunds.
Eric Hall of Cambridge outpointed Harry Legge of Bournemouth, six rounds.
Charlie Waters of Downham Market, and Wally Basquill of London, boxed eight rounds to a draw.
Vic Price of Ipswich, outpointed Morley Nightingale of Wicken, six rounds.
Billy Barnard of Needham Market, outpointed Jimmy Doyle of Hoxton, after six hard rounds.
Syd Wegg of Ipswich, knocked out Percy Storer of Chelmondiston, in the first.

Al Marson, 172, of Poplar, defeated Harold "Kid" Anthony, 172½, of Shoreditch, the referee calling a halt in the sixth at Canning Town.
Stan Hibbert, 138¾, of Battersea, drew with Tony Tofield, 146½, of West Ham, in an eight round slugging match.
Jackie Grimes, 127½, of Barnet, knocked out Dudley Lewis, 125, of Wales, in the first.
Johnny Foster of Ireland, outpointed George Small of Battersea, eight rounds.
George Simmons of Battersea outpointed Fred Sorrell of Bethnal Green, eight rounds.
Johnny Sharp of Belfast drew with Johnny Kelly of Belfast, six rounds.

Tady Murphy of Ireland, outpointed George Pull, of Lowestoft, eight, at Ipswich.
Charlie Knock of Hanley, knocked out Alf Taylor of Newcastle, in the eighth.

Alf Edwards, the smart Smethwick lightweight, outpointed Bob Roberts of Northwich, in eight rounds, at Birmingham.
Ronnie Smith of Newport, knocked out Wilf Parkin of Mansfield, in the seventh.
Billy Westwood of Birmingham, defeated Don Meakin of Derby, the latter retiring at the end of the sixth.
Joe Bytheway of Hadley, outpointed George Darling of Newport, four rounds, while Eric Wain of Darlaston, defeated John Allison over a similar distance.

Ginger Ward of Merthyr, knocked out Jack Collins of Manchester, in the fourth of a scheduled eight rounder, with a beautiful right cross.
In the chief supporter at Taporley, Alf Smart of Crewe, outpointed Lenton O'Niel of Taporley, six rounds.
Jack Harding of Taporley, knocked out Johnny Chesters of Manchester, in the first.
Piper Kelley of Crewe, stopped Jimmy Socks of Manchester, in the third.

Jack Larino of Bridgewater, knocked out Percy Enoch of Tonypandy, in the second, at Bridgewater.
Billy Burnell of Weston, defeated Ron Dibbins of Blaina, eight rounds.
Dave Watkins of London, knocked out Wally Prendergast of Bridgewater, in the third.
Les Vaughan of Wales, drew with Jimmy Bryan of Gloucester, eight rounds.
Mac Elt of Birmingham, knocked out Pat Donaghue of Ireland, in the second.

Henry Hall of Sheffield, knocked out Jock Kennedy of Scotland, in the second round, at Ashton-Under-Lyne.
Jimmy Healey of Manchester, outpointed Billy Tansey of Manchester, eight rounds.
Johnny Hyward of Nottingham, outpointed Teddy Gallagher of Rochdale, six.
George Watts of Dunkinfield, was disqualified in the sixth of an eight rounder with Billy Attley of Middleton, for an alleged low blow.
Bob Blair of Middleton, knocked out Pat Cubis of Luton, in the sixth.

Stan Rowan, 120, of Liverpool, knocked out Len Coffin, 120½, of Chester, in the fifth at the Liverpool Stadium. In Coffin's favor, it must be said that he accepted this contest with only a few hours' notice as a substitute.
Alf Taylor, 145, of Warrington, outpointed Len Barnard, 146½, of Cardiff, 10 rounds.
Sam Bailey of Wales, knocked out Jock Hardin of Scotland, in the fourth.
Charlie White of Liverpool, knocked out Gordon Greenway of Wales, in the first.
Howard Webb of Manchester, defeated Jack Fletcher of Manchester, the referee intervening in the second round.
Eddie Cramer of Rhyl, outpointed Eric Hicks of Cardiff, six rounds.

"Skeets" Gallagher of Dumbarton, ex-amateur flyweight champion, failed in his stiffest test as a professional, when he was knocked out in the fifth at Leith, by Johnny Summers of Edinburgh.
Frank Naro of Dumbarton, knocked out Tony Riley of Dundee, in the fifth.
Chad Savory of Edinburgh knocked out Jim Bryce of Glasgow, in the fourth.
Billy Gunn of Chapelhall, outpointed Archie Vickery of Edinburgh, eight rounds.
Jim Scott, of Edinburgh, knocked out Frankie Brown of Dumbarton, in the third.

Alf Hughes of West Hartlepool, substituting for Jimmy Stewart of Edinburgh, was no match for Jimmy Gill of Nottingham, in the main event of eight rounds at Newcastle, and Gill was a clear winner.
Ric Saunders of Leicester and Jimmy Jury of Bournemouth, met in the chief 8-round supporting bout, and Saunders scored a victory on points.
Billy Kane of Newcastle, outpointed Johnny Turner of Ryhope in eight rounds.
Jim McLean of Bathgate, outpointed Darky Harris of Bournemouth, in eight rounds.
Jimmy Smith of Sunderland, knocked out Jimmy Miller of Leeds, in the fifth.
George Wells of Newcastle, outpointed Ken Hall of Swalwell, in eight rounds.

Norman Lewis of Nantymoel, dealt out severe punishment to Jeff Smith of Wellingborough, substituting for Mickey Colbert of Ireland, for three of their scheduled eight-rounder at Trealaw, and the referee wisely stepped in and applied the closure, when Smith was in a bad way.
Billy Davies of Natyglo, outpointed Haydon Jones of Tiryberth, eight rounds.
Glyn David of Caerau, outpointed Stan Wotton of Clydach Vale, six rounds.
Over six rounds, Ray Stokes of Tonyrefail, boxed a draw with Idris Lazenbury of Caerphily.

AKRON, OHIO, BOXING

By TOMMY MAXWELL

AKRON hit the tops in number of fight shows last month with five in all but the attendance has fallen off considerably. Some people blame this on too many shows but the writer blames it chiefly on matches being made with no box office appeal.
Some boys who are going good who might be shown here are Mike Birskovich of Niles, Juste Fontaine, Chuck Taylor, Johnny Villanova, Young Charlie Zivic, Charlie Daniels, Tommy Yarosz of Pittsburgh, Tony Rios, Charlie Riggs of Akron, Eddie Miller, Sparky Reynolds, Paul Corbetta and Art Tate among others.

In the first show of the month, Akron's clever lightweight, Dave Marsh, defeated Harry Hart of Columbus, O., in a great fight over the eight-round route. It was a give-and-take affair from start to finish with Marsh winning the unanimous decision. In another eight, Freddie Bernhardt K.O.'ed Tiger Wills of Columbus, O., in four. Eddie Elton stopped Tip Ramsey of Cincinnati, O., in four. Ramsey suffered a cut eye. In the prelims, Moe Harvey stopped Jimmy Beazley and Charles Lester stopped Bob Clarke. In the Beazley-Harvey bout the latter had an eighteen pound pull in weights. Clarke broke his arm, according to reports.

On October 11 the Century Club offered Joey Maxim against Clarence Jones of Buffalo, N. Y., over ten rounds. The bout was disappointing. The crowd did not like it and voiced its disapproval. Despite the poor main bout the card was good as the prelims were above par. Hannison introduced a great little fighter in Jimmy Sanders of Warren, O. Sanders out-boxed good Art Kimmell in a fine bout. Another good bout was one between Leo Garrett of Cleveland and Smoky Robinson of Oil City, Pa. Garrett just nosed out the Oil City boy. Moe Harvey won a close one from Leroy Koeth of Cleveland. Rick Miller and Mike Gamiere fought to a draw in a hard-fought battle.

On October 19, the Manhattan Club offered three eight-rounders. In the feature, Harry Hart won easily from Arbie Bowie. In the semi-final, Eddie Elton won over Gib Jones. In the third eight, Willie Russell, classy Columbus lightweight, had little or no competition in Benton Cobbins of Cincinnati, O., scoring a K.O. in two rounds. The best fight of the night was a six-rounder between Freddie Bernhardt and Sammy Burch of Pittsburgh. Burch won the nod after a slam-bang affair. Ken Stribling won over Russ Baxter of New Castle, Pa., and Dan Kelly scored a T.K.O. over Benny Bartle, Ellwood City, Pa.

On October 24, the Century Club also staged three eight-rounders. In the headliner, Jerome Frazier and Johnny Eagle, both of New York, staged a poor bout, and many fans thought the boys were not only from the same town but also from the same stable. Frazier got the decision. In the best bout, Charlie Roth K.O.'ed Jimmy Langford of New York. The bout was fairly even until Roth exploded his right cross, putting the New Yorker away for a clean K.O. In the other eight they fed Jimmy Sanders a real set-up. Sanders belted Jimmy Satterfield of Chicago out in a few seconds of the second round. Sanders is a classy lad, one of the classiest kids to show here in ages. In a five-rounder, two good lightweights again stole the show when Leroy Koeth and Moe Harvey went to a draw. It was by far the best bout of the evening. In the opener Tony Brush defeated Rick Miller of Buffalo, N. Y.

On October 30 the Manhattan Club again featured Dave Marsh and Harry Hart in the ten-round headliner of the best show of the month. It was the second meeting of the pair and like the first, turned out to be a whale of a fight with Hart getting a very unpopular decision. The referee and one judge called it a draw and one judge gave it to Hart. In the semi-final Eddie Elton, Akron middleweight, rang up his tenth victory in eleven pro bouts, winning over Buddy Rose, tough, ever-busy veteran of Buffalo, N. Y. In the main prelim, Freddie Bernhardt and Oliver Cobbins staged a great battle. Cobbins got the decision, which like the main event could have gone either way. In another six Charley Baxter of Cincinnati, O., gave Bobby Timpson a boxing lesson and won handily. In the opener Frank Moran of New Castle, Pa., K.O.'ed Freddie Zala of Buffalo, N. Y., in the first round.

Busy Joe Basco is still going every week with his many boys. The latest additions to the Basco stable are two classy Mexican boys, Tommy Lopaz, a hard-punching welter, and a featherweight, Miquel Barracan.

Charlie Riggs, Akron's heavy prospect, boxed two main events during October. Riggs K.O.'ed Jack Moore in 55 seconds at McKeesport, Pa., and was immediately booked back and dropped the duke to Willie Huff of Clairton, Pa., in ten rounds. In nine pro fights Riggs has fought four main bouts.

Rumors have it Red Hetzel, veteran manager, will buy the contract of Jackie Sanders of Warren, O. Sanders looks great and if Red can swing the deal he will have the best prospect he has owned since the great Gorilla Jones.

One of the most remarkable comebacks is being staged by Akron's veteran, Lloyd Pine. Pine has won five out of five, the last two by kayoes. His latest was a six-round K.O. over Bobby Willison in a bout scheduled for ten rounds before a packed house at Mt. Vernon, O. Pine a few years ago boxed the best, including three great fights with Sammy Angott.

Canton, O., staged but one show the past month. In the feature bout Canton's clever welterweight, Vince Turpin, won over Bobby McIntire of Detroit in ten rounds. It was Turpin's 28th win in 30 pro bouts. In the semi-final Eddie Bell, Canton, won over Snooky Bryant of Massillon, O., in a very good bout. In the prelims Willie Williams defeated Jim Davis of Massillon by a K.O. in two rounds. Howard Umbles K.O.'ed Lou Kelly of Wooster, O., and Ed Barkley of Massillon won over Bob Scafate in four rounds. The crowd was an overflow, with standing room only.

SPOKANE NEWS

By JIMMY TANSY

WELL on his way to a title shot with Willie Pep, Joey Dolan, the fightingest of the Dolan clan, added another name to his long list of victories. Tony Olivera, the California contender, who has met and beaten almost all of the leading boxers in the bantam and featherweight division. The bout, a Donnybrook from start to finish, was all Dolan's, who elected to do it the way Tony wanted to—that is, to trade punches. In the rounds where Joey used his superior boxing prowess, it was clearly shown why he is now rated in the second slot in the featherweight ranks. Ringsiders counted as many as seven Dolan jabs to Tony's chin without a return. Joey got all three of the judges' votes. The decision was no surprise to anyone.
Joey weighed 125, a pound more than his opponent.
The semi-final, a good one, went to Don Fitzgerald via the K.O. route at the expense of Johnny Walker.
Duke Harris, 129, Seattle, looked very sharp in putting the sleeper to Hy Mendel in sixty seconds of the opening round. The curtain raiser saw Fran Porter, 153, even the score with Kelly Jackson, Seattle middleweight. This bout was action-packed.

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CENTRAL OHIO SWINGS AND HOOKS

By LESS HUFFMAN

PROMOTERS Rex Reese and Sam Miller of Mansfield gave the fight fans of that city another slam-bang show with Nate Husky, Cleveland lightweight, and Harry Hart, Delaware, Ohio, lightweight, in the main event. Hart took command from the third round. He rocked the Coast battler time after time with hard rights, but Husky was game and came back fighting. Husky tried to overcome Hart's lead to no avail.

In the semi-final Jimmy Mitchel of Columbus, 143, was stopped in 1:50 of the second by Dick Alexander of Mansfield, 145. In a scheduled six, Lloyd Pine kayoed Dusty Roades of Massillon, Ohio, in 2:30 of the first. Dan Pinto, Columbus welterweight, defeated Phil Scott, Marion, Ohio, welter, in four fast rounds. In another four-rounder Fred Tibbs, Columbus lightweight, won over Red Beckholt of Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Bob Clarke, heavyweight, Lockbourne Air Base, broke his arm at Akron, Ohio, when he fell through the ropes while losing a T.K.O. to Charles Lester.

In an eight-rounder, Leo Garrett, Cleveland, Ohio's, battling lightweight, and Smoky Robinson of Buffalo put on an action-packed contest, with Garrett getting the nod.

In a five-round bout Art Kimmell, Pittsburgh, lost to Jimmy Sanders of Warren, Ohio.

Moe Harvey, a stablemate of Sanders, took the duke over Leroy Koeth of Cleveland in a fast five-rounder, and Cleveland's Mike Gamiere and Rick Miller drew in five. A crowd of 1672 paid $3787.

At Springfield, Ohio, the Charlie Baxter, Cincinnati, and George (Pee Wee) Watson of Dayton, bout was called no-contest when the referee, Vern Wingert, got tired of Watson doing everything but fighting. As a result the purse was held up by the Springfield Boxing Commission.

Eddie Brant of Dayton was given the duke over Jimmy Wuley of Cincinnati, Ohio, in six rounds. Jimmy Lions, Springfield, was given the nod over Jackie Krell of Cincinnati in six. Elden Fletcher, Springfield middleweight, was given the duke over Bob Jackson of Dayton in six. Whitey Webbins, Dayton light-heavyweight, stopped Charley Lackey of Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1:12 of the second.

In the four-round opener Bob Begley of Dayton won over Henry Mitchell of Cincinnati.

At Dayton, Ohio, Colion Chaney, Indianapolis heavyweight, and Johnny Hubbard of Milwaukee fought it out for ten heats with Chaney getting the nod. In the prelims Melvin Pullen of Dayton copped the duke from Willie Jones of Gary, Indiana, in eight rounds. Victor Bird of Dayton and Sammy Burch of Cincinnati went six fast rounds to a draw. Johnny Ross, Dayton, and Ernie Westbrook, Wilberforce University, went four rounds to a draw. Both were middleweights. A four-round bout between Pee Wee Watson of Dayton and Alonzo Boyd, also of Dayton, ended when Watson stopped Boyd in the first round. Both featherweights.

At Springfield, Ray Glen substituted for Harry Hart and crossed gloves with Charlie Baxter of Cincinnati. Glen won the first round, but early in round two he was rocked by a hard right. Baxter followed up his advantage with a barrage of lefts and rights that dumped Glen for keeps. The time was 1:50 of round two.

The semi-final ended in the first round when Whitey Webbins of Dayton stopped Wild Cat Green of Indianapolis with a stiff right to the chin. Both are light-heavyweights.

In another six, Elton Fletcher of Springfield was given the duke over Bob Jackson of Dayton. Both middleweights.

Jimmy Lyons, Springfield welterweight, lost to Jack Beaty of Cincinnati. The other four-rounder between Bob Begley, Dayton, heavyweight, and Bruce Mabre of Springfield was a fast scrap with Begley getting the nod.

At Akron, Ohio, Charley Roth, Rubber City heavyweight, stopped Jimmy Langford of New York in the fifth round of a scheduled eight.

In another eight-round bout Jimmy Sanders of Warren, Ohio, stopped Jimmy Satterfield of Chicago, Ill., in the second round. Both welterweights.

Willie Russell dropped a ten-round decision to Freddie Dawson of Chicago.

At Indianapolis Bobby Simmons of Indianapolis defeated Sparky Reynolds in ten rounds. Simmons thereby retained his welterweight championship of Indiana.

Tommy Woodward, Columbus light-heavyweight, drew with Lee Carter of Indianapolis in the six-round semi-final. Freddie Tibbs, Columbus, defeated Bobby Fowler of Chicago in another six.

Freddie Tibbs, welterweight, gave Bobby Fowler, Chicago, a boxing lesson in Indianapolis in a six-round bout on the Sparky Reynolds vs. Robert Simmons ten-rounder. Tommy Woodward and Lee Carter, Indianapolis heavyweight, went six torrid rounds to a draw.

Willie Russell, Ohio's lightweight champion, made short work of Phil Jones when he stopped the Louisville battler in the third round at Huntington, W. Va., on October 28.

Irish Pat Richards, Cleveland heavyweight, gained a close decision over Sherm Washington of Columbus in a rip-roaring six-round semi-final.

Jackie Taylor, who was beating the best featherweights in this part of the country before the war, will resume his boxing.

Al Lombardo of Buckeye Lake is the newest promoter in this vicinity. He has sponsored two good shows at the Buckeye Lake Pavilion.

Irish Pat Richards, a heavyweight, who has been training at the 20th Century Gymnasium, has signed to fight for the writer.

Tommy Woodward, Columbus heavyweight, tossed a scare into Charlie Banks when Woodward, who was supposed to be a soft touch for Banks, forced the latter to go at top speed until his eye was cut in the ninth round, and Banks lost via the T.K.O. route when the referee stopped the bout. It was held in Laurence, Ind., and was sponsored by the American Legion.

Eddie Miller, Lee Hammond's slugging middleweight, looks like the best prospect in this part of the country this month. In Miller's last fight at Dayton he put the skids under Gib Jones, Cincinnati middleweight, in the fourth heat.

Eddie Reynolds, light-heavyweight, who recently returned from the Army, is training at the 20th Century Gymnasium, and will resume his boxing career.

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FIGHTIN' WORDS FROM TOLEDO

By ED HACKLEY

THE month of October gave Toledo fight fans two shows to talk about. The Police and Firemen's Benefit, sponsored by the Toledo *Times*, was a success in a large way financially, and pleased the crowd of 7000 who attended. The success of the police show was in no way duplicated by the Jerry Shea promotion at the Ice House later in the month.

The month also marked the return of Jimmy McClellan to competition after a layoff of almost five months. He banged out a win over Eddie Serratos in a thriller in the main event of an Arena Gardens card in Detroit. Jarrin' Jimmy was dropped in the third by a terrific left hook and was hard put to finish the round, but came roaring back to floor Serratos twice in the next round and once in the fifth. Larry Moreland, a lightweight stablemate of McClellan, was the loser in the second round on the supporting card. His conquerer was Chu-Chu Rios, another Mexico City importation.

Perry Mason, Toledo's hard luck 155-pounder, has been on the shelf for a month due to one injury after another. Mason is the most pleasing of Toledo's fighters, and it is a pity that he has not as yet gotten the break that he deserves.

Frankie Gerrard was stopped by Eddie Serratos in the fifth round of a bout in Flint. The Mexican slugger's unfamiliar southpaw stance was all Greek to the Toledo battler and he could not stop the terrific body punching of Serratos. However, the Toledo 120-pounder scored a sensational one-round T.K.O. over Eddie Hines in Pittsburgh to get on the winning side of the ledger again.

In the Police and Firemen's Benefit boxing show Ace Miller did not flash the near-championship form that he had against Eddie Smith a month previously, but had enough to pound out a lopsided win over Gene Spencer, tough Chicagoan. Harvey Dubs stopped George Liggetts in the third; Perry Mason at 157 drew with Al Johnson, 169½; Ernie Pelaia beat Bobby Fowler; Frankie Gerrard stopped Jorge Sanchez in two. All those were eight-round bouts. In the curtain-raiser Buddy Mays, Toledo, drew with Wild Man Reiss, Detroit, 170.

The first promotion of the Sheas at the Rollercade (the old Ice House) was the old story of the name fighter in there with a not so good six-round boy. Joey Maxim was the name fighter and Bearcat Jones the ham and egger. To be brief the fight was a stinker. A small crowd witnessed the affair.

John Lester and Lee Bohles flashed good form in the prelims. Lester, a former national amateur heavyweight champ, showed well in stopping Walt Montgomery in the second. Lester is only 19. Bohles won a great fight in beating Cedric Flournoy in another six which bristled with action.

Bobby Root, Cleveland, beat Ted Black, Detroit, in a six-round lightweight tilt. Frankie Filipovich O'Brien was stopped in the second by Sid Oliver of Detroit, 155. Frankie was a Toledoan making his first start.

Small clubs are running in this part of Ohio, with Lynch in Springfield, Rex Reese in Mansfield and Herb Simmons due to start soon in Lima.

Sid Goldberg is busy with his basketball entry in the pro league, but his partner, Sam Greene, is planning on running alone.

Charley Basset, local sportsman, is very happy these days about the way the former local amateur, Jerry Hemminger, is going in and around New York. Charley is co-manager.

Any news of Toledo fights and fighters can be gotten by contacting the writer, Ed Hackley, at 71 Brand Whitlock Apts., Toledo 2, Ohio.

IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON

By HOMER AMUNDSEN

JOHNNY MILLER, promising featherweight from Stockton, California, now managed by the writer, defeated Snooks Lacey in six rounds.

Tex Salkeld, Portland fight matchmaker, is one of the busiest men in the Northwest boxing business. Tex is matchmaker for Portland and Salem clubs.

Gene Mason, an aggressive Vancouver (B. C.) boxing promoter, continues to give British Columbia fans plenty of action fights. In a recent bout in Vancouver, Mason paired Jackie Turner and Kenny Lindsay and Turner won, with the show doing $5,474.

Al Hostak, former middleweight champion, now in his early thirties and somewhat baldish, scored a one-round kayo recently in Seattle, over George "Honey Boy" Evans.

Tacoma is still without professional boxing. Will Maylon, who held the Tacoma permit for eight years, gave up the promotion job, and several applications are on file with the State Athletic Commission to fill his boots.

Fred Bruny, who in World War I, acted as boxing instructor on the staff of the Phantom Mike Gibbons, spends much time teaching boys the fine points in the manly art.

Bill Ross, popular Negro manager of Milo Savage, Seattle's heavy-handed 150 pounder, is a young fellow who holds the respect of promoters, managers, and fighters throughout Washington State.

Davey Ward, the Tacoma welterweight favorite, has forsaken the boxing game for the time being. The popular Irish kid has been troubled for some time with a kidney ailment.

On the recent Joey Dolan vs. Tony Olivera contest in Spokane, Wash., in which Dolan scored a decision over the veteran Californian, Al Davis, young socking Tacoma 140-pounder, was the fighter of the night. Davis was presented an expensive wrist watch by popular approval of the fans and sports writers.

Boys coming out from the armed forces who plan on a professional start in boxing in the Northwest will do well to contact the Amundsen Gym, 719½ Commerce Street, Tacoma, Washington. A good deal of action is now going on in the Pacific Northwest clubs.

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VANCOUVER NEWS

GENE MASON'S presentation on October 28 produced spills and thrills galore, as Phil Palmer, in his first start since returning from the New York ring wars, reduced Mike (Cannonball) Stankovitch, Fresno, Calif., welterweight, to a handful of buckshot by punching him as full of holes as last week's bus ticket. Palmer systematically cut his man down, and the referee stopped the unequal contest at the end of the sixth round.

George Cote, currently fighting out of Vancouver, thoroughly out-boxed Dempsey Bratton of Portland in six rounds. The special four-round event ended in a T.K.O. when Tommy Campbell of Winnipeg outslugged Don Schultz. Schultz was against the ropes unable to defend himself when the referee ended the slaughter.

Gordie McCrindle marched off with his second straight K.O. victory in as many pro fights by flattening Roy Harmon of Seattle in the third round.

Jackie Arden of Bremerton was brought back for a return performance, this time against Bennie Benoit, a tall, lanky featherweight from Winnipeg. Arden won in four rounds.

The opener ended in another K.O. Mickey McLenaghen, making his first pro appearance, flattened Larry Thompson in the third round.

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CHARLEY BANKS, thumping Cincy light-heavy, is rapidly regaining his power at the gate locally, as was proved in his tilt with Elton Evans, lanky 165-pounder from Philadelphia on November 4, at Huntington. Charley displayed his old form in solidly trouncing the Quaker City battler, who was game to the core, but lacked sufficient punching power, to offset the jumping-jack tactics of Banks. Weights: Banks, 172; Evans, 169.

Tommy Saunders, sensational Fairmont biffer, added another scalp to his long string by kayoing Maxie Yaeger, 147, Cincinnati, in the semi-windup. The end came in 1:55 of the fifth. A hard right cross, followed with a ripping left hook spilled Yaeger for the count. Saunders looks great, and will give a lot of the top welters a tussle.

Other results—Art Brownie, 172, knocked out Charley Lackey, 175, in 25 seconds of the opening frame. Ralph Rogers, 122, came off the deck to beat Johnny Howard, 118, in the four-frame opener.

Using a hard right hand effectively, and seemingly in better condition than in previous showings here Sparky Reynolds, 147, Indianapolis, halted Benton Cobbins, 145, Cincinnati, in their slated ten-round affair at Radio Center Arena, Huntington, on October 9. The end came in the sixth chukker. In the other half of a double-barreled windup, Ollie Cobbins, 127, Cincinnati, was given the duke over Wallopin' Willie Jones, 122, Gary, Ind. This bout was also a ten-frame affair.

Arnold Deer, Indianapolis middleweight, came from behind to outscore Gib Jones in an eight-rounder that furnished plenty of glove slinging. Howard Faulkner, 145, decisioned Johnny Creel, 148, in the opener, which went the distance of eight rounds. Bobby LaLance, former state middleweight champion, refereed all bouts and did a splendid job.

Promoters Hosey Wyer and Marshal Lupo offered a splendid program of mitt tossing at Fairmont's Armory on October 22. All four slated bouts ended in kayoes but the card was action-packed from the opener to the windup.

Joltin' Joe Testa, Fairmont middleweight, ran out of gas in the eighth frame in his tilt with Henry Jackson, after holding a comfortable lead throughout. Testa was tagged with a ripping uppercut in the early stages of the eighth, that set him on his pants. After beating the count Joe couldn't seem to cope with his dusky adversary, who chilled the Fairmont biffer for the first time in his ring career. Weights: Testa, 158; Jackson, 162.

In the semi-final, Charley Daniels, 148, Pittsburgh, toyed with Tiger Jackson, 145, Akron, for five full sessions before halting him in the fifth chukker. Art Kimmel, 147, Altoona, Pa., took the measure of tough Jackie Evans, 145, Akron, in the second heat. In the opener, Johnny Adduchio, 160, had to extend himself to stop game Jimmy West, 151, a stablemate of Kimmel's. Jimmy Columbo, veteran nose basher from nearby Clarsburg, handled referee duties in very good form.

Lloyd Gibson, Cincinnati light-heavy, was awarded an early Christmas gift in getting the nod over Mose Brown at Louisville, on October 25. As your reporter saw it, Brown was ahead by a wide margin at the end of the milling. Gibson was in serious trouble several times.

Huntington's weekly winter programs got off to a good start on October 28 when the Radio Center promoters presented Willie Russell and Phil Jones in the ten-frame headliner. The local biff bistro was chopped down in the third heat. Willie, who came in at 134 pounds, displayed some of the best punching powers seen in the local arena this year.

Sterling Willey, 136, Huntington, came from behind to score a last round kayo over Freddie Dillon, 137, Fort Knox, Ky. This was a great fight that found both gladiators badly worn at the finish. Other results—Pat Richards bested Sherm Washington, six rounds, heavyweights. Billy Barrett, 120, kayoed Ralph Rogers, 121, four rounds.

Between Rounds—Custer Perry was a visitor in Huntington recently. . . . Perry was state welter champion back in the '30's. . . . The ninth annual *Advertiser* Golden Gloves tournament will get under way in Huntington, February 17. . . . Boxers around the Tri-State wishing to enter this event should contact Bill Bess, *The Advertiser*, Huntington, West Va. . . . Willard Coffey, Charleston lightweight, is now being handled by Izzy Kline, in Chicago. . . . Al Ingram lost a very close eight-rounder to Murray "Sugar" Cain at Wheeling recently. . . . Al is now residing in Louisville. . . . The Wyer-Lupo combine in Fairmont is giving the fistic faithful of that city top pro shows. . . . Hosey Wyer, the matchmaker for the club, can be reached at P.O. Box 523, Fairmont, West Va.

NEWS FROM WINNIPEG AND VICINITY
By AL GREENBERG

ALEX TURK'S first wrestling show of the season attracted close to 4000 fans to the Winnipeg Auditorium.

In one of the most hotly contested bouts ever seen in a Vancouver ring, Jacky Turner, Vancouver bantam, gained the unanimous ten-round decision over Kenny Lindsay, Canadian bantam champ. Lindsay's title was not at stake. Earlier in the year Lindsay had won an unpopular decision over Turner.

Gene Mason, Vancouver fight promoter, is the man responsible for Vancouver's fistic comeback. Mason plans to put on weekly shows. Winnipeg's battling Roberts family, Tony, Johnny, and Joey, are traveling westward for a Pacific Coast campaign. . . . Jerry Ramsey, popular Vancouver featherweight, has joined the ranks of benedicts. . . . George Cote, popular young middleweight, showed to advantage when he decisioned Dempsey Bratton, of Portland, Ore. . . . Phil Palmer flattened Mike Strankovitch in the sixth round in Vancouver. . . . Benny Benoit, popular Kenora, Ont., feather, is competing on the West Coast. . . . Ron Wholly, Vancouver middleweight, looked good in scoring a six-round decision over Warren Holland in Vancouver. . . . Jimmy Brooks, Vancouver middleweight, would like a crack at Pacific Coast champ, Franky Gimbel. . . . Phil Palmer, Vancouver welter, just back from New York, is now being handled by Tommy Punnecci. . . . Hal Robbins is another Vancouver boy home from New York ring wars. Robbins is now under the management of Joe Martin. . . . This writer is currently working his string of pugilists in the Northwest and can be reached at 1043 Barclay, Vancouver, B. C.

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By HUGH SHANNON

IN ONE of the greatest heavyweight fights ever seen in Buffalo, Joe Matisi, hard-hitting Binghamton bruiser, knocked out Tommy Gomez, Tampa, Fla., heavyweight, in three rounds. It was a punchfest par excellence with both boxers sailing away and tossing dynamite. Gomez, a lethal puncher, was a favorite in the betting. Last spring Tommy knocked out Buffalo's Phil Muscato and local fans and critics had high respect for his ability. Matisi, too, was rated very well. Joe had knocked out Joe Muscato and Dave Mason in other appearances here. The K.O. came after the third knockdown when Referee Lou Scozza, under the three-knockdown rule of the State Athletic Commission, halted the contest and raised Matisi's hand in token of victory.

Matchmaker Charlie Pinto and Promoter Dewey Michaels tried hard for a re-match but Gomez wanted more time to get in shape for a renewal of hostilities. It's likely Tommy will engage in several other fights before taking on Matisi again.

Meanwhile, Jack Singer, Hudson Club matchmaker, sought Matisi for Lee Oma, Detroit rubberman.

Results of preliminary bouts on the Matisi-Gomez card follow: Buddy Komar, 184½, McKeesport, Pa., T.K.O. over Jock O'Sullivan, 195, Niagara Falls, second round; Wally Hicks, 155, Toronto, beat Sammy Muscato, 160½, Buffalo, six rounds; Mitchell Stekof, 227, Rochester, won over Charlie Balasz, 219, Brantford, Ont., six rounds; Mike Ballusio, 208, New York, T.K.O. over Stan Myka, 191, Buffalo, fourth round; Bobby Friedl, 160¾, Lancaster, knocked out Ziggy Minnie, 151½, Buffalo, three rounds.

A great turnout of 8804 paid $19,940 gross and $15,912 net receipts for the Gomez-Matisi bout. It was one of the biggest crowds of recent years.

Wrestling has returned to Memorial Auditorium for the 1946-47 season and indications point to a banner season. The Great Lakes Club is running every Friday night, showing such mat stars as Frank Sexton, Paul Boesch, Terry McGinnis, Ivan Rasputin, Karl Davis, Ben Sharpe and others. Erie, Pa., is also staging weekly shows.

Bill Weinberg, elongated Boston heavyweight, dropped a close decision to Joe Matisi of Binghamton, at Memorial Auditorium for the F.A.C. on October 8. It was a rough, tough match all the way. In one of the bouts Smoky Robinson of Oil City, Pa., stopped the winning streak of Talmadge Bussey of Detroit, by winning an eight-round verdict over the hard-hitter from Michigan.

At Jack Singer's Hudson Club on October 16, Sgt. Joe Muscato, local heavyweight, annexed a ten-round decision over the rugged Chilean, Arturo Godoy. The bout was slow-moving and Muscato provided what action there was. The prelims were much better. Henry Brimm, 160¼, Buffalo, defeated George Vrooman, 162, New York, six rounds; Allen Faulkiner, 150½, whipped Johnny Mazanoble, 147½, Schenectady, (6); Vic Eisen, 117½, Buffalo, knocked out Mickey Firenza, 112½, Syracuse, first round; Eli Hall, 152½, decisioned Billy Wigfall, 155, Philadelphia (4). Prentiss Hall refused to box Anson Green of Philadelphia, who weighed 183 pounds. Green may box in Buffalo on the next card with some heavyweight.

Everything appears promising in Buffalo for a number of bangup boxing shows. . . . Jackie Pyne, ex-manager of Johnny Green, is back in the fight game. . . . George Lampshire has a great little bantam in Vic Eisen and should get plenty of work for the Negro star. . . . Talk is still rife that Dewey Michaels will build a new boxing club which will seat 5000. . . . The overhead at Memorial Auditorium is exceptionally heavy and only big shows can show a profit in the huge arena.

Jerry Monahan is on the mend. . . . The Great Lakes matchmaker was a pretty sick man but is improving which is good news for his legion of friends. . . . Mike Scanlon and Junior Singer are getting plenty of work as seconds. . . . Tommy Baxter, former local heavyweight, is now a member of the Buffalo police force.

FISTIC DOINGS—Charlie Palmer has installed a new clock for training at the big Fairview gym . . . Mickey McInerney says he has 50 amateurs and pros working at his Morgan Baths emporium. . . . Jack Singer's gymnasium is crowded afternoons and evenings with fighters of all sorts. . . . incidentally, Singer's place was burglarized recently and $500 in money and equipment is missing.

Joe Netro's boys do their training at Sam Mineo's place on the main stem. . . . Henry Brimm is about ready for star events. . . . A re-match between Tommy Gomez and Joe Matisi will draw $25,000. . . . Phil Muscato and Matisi would do as well. . . . We'll take Bert Finch as tops over all seconds in this vicinity. . . . Finch is also a splendid manager but has been unable to round out a stable of late. . . . Jack Singer recently celebrated his 54th birthday. . . . Buffalo is a great spot for good fighters. . . . Boxers who are without managerial contracts should write Hugh Shannon, 144 Wallace Avenue, Buffalo 14, N. Y.

On Jack Singer's Hudson A. C. card October 29, Cyclone Williams won over Ralph Ivins in ten rounds. On the same program the rapidly-improving Henry Brimm beat Jimmy Hayden, San Francisco middleweight, in another ten-rounder. Allen Faulkiner outpointed the sturdy Cliff Beckett from Canada in eight rounds and in the opening ten Prentiss Hall stopped Al Timmons of Cleveland, in the ninth round.

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS
By EDDIE BECK

TWO ex-marines established a beachhead at the R. I. Auditorium ring and commenced firing. Thirty minutes later Jimmy Sheppard of Springfield, Illinois, emerged victorious on a split decision over Artie Levine, high ranking middleweight. Sheppard is now residing in Boston and is managed by Dan Carrol.

Gene Farland, a former marine, was presented with the R. I. Middleweight Championship Belt, after beating Eddie Soares. Jackie Webber has racked up 20 consecutive victories and is now seeking a match with Tommy Greb, newly crowned N. E. Lightweight champ. Jackie Lovatt, latest local sensation, has scored six straight wins. Ralph Zannelli traveled to Baltimore to beat Henry Jordan. Zannelli next fought his arch rival Georgie Martin to a draw at Boston. Ralphie will soon be seen locally.

Boxing commissioners of the six New England states have met in order to form an association. The boxing game in this section will benefit greatly when this group becomes active. The local commission has put into effect a ruling where all fighters must sign a contract prior to a fight and weigh-in at two o'clock on the day of the fight.

Lee Britto and Eddie Richmond, a couple of Muggsy Mandell's popular battlers, are gaining a reputation for their spectacular action-packed fights. Jimmy Nelson has again changed pilots. His latest is Jimmy D'Ambra.

Promoter Dave Cashman has opened an office in the Crown Hotel, Providence. Cashman plans to bring Jake LaMotta, Al "Red" Priest, Willie Pep and Phil Terranova here shortly. Manny Almeida has been presenting bang-up shows featuring local talent at the Arcadia.

George Lobris is presenting wrestling at Pawtucket on Fridays. Lobris is also managing Larry Villeneuve, a good prospect now residing here. Jerry Berthiaume has been reinstated. Jack Murphy has been named matchmaker of the New Framingham fight club. Good luck, Jack.

Jack "Spider" Armstrong, 130, Toronto, K.O.'ed Johnny Juliano, 125¾, Newark, in one round of a scheduled ten-rounder.

Larry Villeneuve, 153½, Providence, K.O.'ed Jay Paganelli, 150¾, Paterson, N. J., in the fifth of an eight-rounder.

Jackie Lovatt, 142¾, Providence, defeated Lee Britto, 137¾, East Providence, in a six-rounder.

Bobby Burton, 147½, Providence, outpointed Billy Counts, 149½, Providence, in six rounds.

Benny Colardo, 143½, Providence, defeated Johnny Botty, 142½, Fall River, in four rounds.

Eddie Soares, 152, Providence, T.K.O.'ed Al Evans, 150, Newport, R. I., in the fifth round of a scheduled ten-rounder.

Billy Sears, 136, New York, outpointed Eddie Richmond, 137, Providence, in the six-round semi-final.

Eddie Richardson, 160, New York, defeated Alex Reback, 162, Pawtucket, in six rounds.

Ray Dulmaine, 129, Millbury, K.O.'ed Ray Taylor, 132, New York, in two rounds of a six.

Jimmy Sheppard, 160½, Boston, won a split decision over Artie Levine, 167¾, Brooklyn, in ten.

Jimmie Nelson, 181¾, Providence, T.K.O.'ed Tommy Doyle, 179¼, Fall River, in the fourth.

Bobby Burton, 150, Providence, T.KO.'ed Pat Doyle, 143½, Fall River, in the third round.

Mike Gagne, 182, Worcester, outpointed Maurice Belanger, 177½, Fall River, in six rounds.

Jennings Brotherton, 136¼, Boston, T.K.O.'ed Granada Gonsalves, 130¼, Fall River, in four rounds.

Jackie Webber, 133, Pawtucket, won a unanimous decision over Freddie Yellavich, 133, Newark, N. J., in ten rounds. Oliver Desmarais, 134½, Manchester, N. H., won a split decision over Tommy Moore, 134, Boston, in the eight-round semi-final. Jackie Lovatt, 142¼, Providence, defeated Eddie Richmond, 141, Providence, in a six-rounder. Allie Webber, 124¾, Pawtucket, decisioned Chuck Ackworth, 126¼, in the four-rounder. Bobby Burton, 150¼, Providence, outpointed Maurice Cloutier, 159, Manchester, N. H., in six rounds.

Gene Farland, 158½, Cranston, R. I., won a unanimous decision over Eddie Soares, 154¼, N. J., in ten rounds. Oliver Desmarais, 134½, Manchester, N. H., T.K.O.'ed Frankie Belanger, 138½, Lewiston, Me., in the fifth round of an eight-round semi-final. Billy Nash, 144, Boston, K.O.'ed Tony Arujo, 142, Providence, in five rounds of a six. Carmine Lato, 157¾, Providence, outpointed Maurice Cloutier, 160½, Manchester, N. H., in four rounds. Eddie Gibbs, 121, New Bedford, Mass., decisioned Chuck Jackson, 124½, Manchester, N. H., in four rounds. Young Dias, 148, Boston, K.O.'ed Johnny MacAleese, 146¾, Dedham, Mass., in four rounds of a four-rounder.

Pete Louthis, 182, Cumberland, R. I., won a unanimous decision over Cowboy George Bensik, 190, Pueblo, Col., in ten rounds. Georgie Renault, 130, Lowell, Mass., decisioned Lee Britto, 135, East Providence, in the eight-round semi-final. Gene Robichaud, 160, Forestdale, K.O.'ed Ollie Wilson, 158, Worcester, in one round of a six. Jackie Perkins, 128, Bennington, Vt., T.K.O.'ed Al Durant, 130, Lowell, in one round of a four.

Charles (Cabey) Lewis, 128½, Brooklyn, decisioned Johnny Forte, 133, in a ten-rounder. Tom McKeagney, 163, Boston, outpointed Jimmie Nelson, 177, Providence, in the eight-round semi-final. Harry Hintlian, 136½, Worcester, decisioned Joey Polowitzer, 135, Hartford, Conn., in six rounds. Bobby Burton, 148, Providence, T.K.O.'ed Eddie Reardon, 139½, Hartford, in one round of six. Freddie Belesano, 143¼, Hartford, Conn., decisioned Al Haley, 140, Worcester, in a four-rounder.

Jack (Spider) Armstrong, 130, Toronto, won a unanimous decision over Billy Pinti, 131, Rome, N. Y., in a ten-round bout. Billy Nash, 149, Boston, outpointed Larry Villeneuve, 152, Providence, in eight rounds. Martin Taber, 125, East Providence, K.O.'ed Chick Jackson, 126, Manchester, N. H., in the fourth round of an eight. Benny Colardo, 143, Providence, T.K.O.'ed John Botty, 138, Fall River, in three rounds of a four. Allie Webber, 125½, Pawtucket, defeated Kid Cournoyer, 124, Derry, N. H., in four rounds. Hank Faro, 122, Fall River, outpointed Danny Iannarelli, 121, Bristol, R. I., in four rounds.

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NORTHERN NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By LEWIS ESKIN

RESULTS for the month—Jersey City Gardens, October 8—Lou Angelo, 151, Bayonne, outpointed Johnny King, 154, New York, in eight rounds. Billy Kilroy, 154, East Rutherford, K.O.'ed Gregory Hildato, 149, in four; Jimmy Meers, 195, Harlem, beat Willie Hayes, 183, North Bergen, in eight. Johnny Darby, 137, Paterson, K.O.'ed Tommy Nolan, 133, Newark, at 1:56 in the first round. Steve Bottger, 125, Paterson, K.O.'ed Jimmy McDonald, 124, Newark, 1:21 in one; Joe Malanga, 198, N. Y. City, outpointed Roy Dunovan, 222, Guttenberg, in four.

Oct. 15—Vince Cratello, 161, Hackensack, evened the score with Solly Zalter, 165, Montreal, by taking a close decision in ten; Joe Chesul, 172, Bayonne, came off the floor to K.O. Johnny Thalem, 170½, Long Island City, in the second; Johnny Darby, 139, Paterson, K.O.'ed Sonny Jimenette, 136, Bayonne, in the first round; Pete Gambatise, 137½, Paterson, K.O.'ed George Montgomery, 144, N.Y.C., in two; Rusty Fenl, 142, Bayonne, outpointed Irving Teague, 139, N.Y.C., in four; Ernie Durand, 152, Bayonne, and Bobby Baldwin, 152, Englewood, fought to a draw in four rounds.

Oct. 22—Billy Kilroy, 153, East Rutherford, K.O.'ed Tommy Sloane, 148, N.Y.C., in three. It was Kilroy's 16th straight win. Benny Davis, 154, Port Chester, N. Y., upset Charley Howard, 151, Pittsburgh, when he stopped him in 2:51 of the seventh. Eddie White, 135, Jersey City, outpointed Barby Woods, 132, N.Y.C., in six; Johnny Darby, 140, Paterson, outpointed Tiger Jack, 140, N.Y.C., in four; Sal Puzzo, 130, Clifton, T.K.O.'ed Joe Ciaramella, 132, Brooklyn, in two; Eddie Mott, 152, Englewood, defeated Lennie Holden, 148, St. Louis, Mo., in four.

Oct. 29—Danny Martin, 161¼, Newark, won the rubber match when he rallied to outpoint Solly Zalter, 166, Montreal, in ten; George Wilson, 155½, Newark, outslugged George Smith, 159, Jersey City, in six; Johnny Darby, 141, Paterson, and Billy Boerwald, 142½, Bayonne, drew in four; Sal Puzzo, 127½, Clifton, K.O.'ed Pablo Gonzalez, 125, Puerto Rico, in two; Eddie Mott, 154, Englewood, outpunched George Montgomery, 150, N.Y.C., in four; Tony Ferrara, 130½, Brooklyn, outpointed Steve Bottger, 128, Paterson, in four.

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UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By TOM EPHREM

PROMOTER DAVE WHITE'S new fight spot, the Civic Center Arena, was packed for his first show featuring classy Billy Moore with Sid Rochester, and punching Clyde "Flash" Gordon against Billy Hannon in welterweight matches. Moore and Gordon were too much for their opponents and both losers were belted out in a round apiece. Moore, whose real name is Jerry Coursol, weighed 144, and Rochester, 145½. Gordon, the Jacksonville boy who has great possibilities, tipped 140, while Hannon was four pounds heavier. Looking good was Davey Meredith in his three-round knockout over Joey Smith, Jacksonville, and Meredith, of West Palm Beach, garnered friends by his performance. Davey weighed 139½, and Smith, 135½. Jerry Dwain, 140, Owassa, Mich., halted game Billy Grimm in the third heat. Billy hit 138. In an eighter, Irish Jackie Hogan, Pittsburgh 138-pounder, now coming along nicely, decisioned Joey Wasnick, 135½, New Haven, Conn.

Dave White's present locality at the Civic Center Arena is in downtown Miami, and a better situated spot for his boxing shows could not be asked. What's more, the Civic Center is just a new name for the great favorite of Miami's former Cinderella Ballroom where many of the South's outstanding matches were fought some years back. Here is where Dave will present his Southern Welterweight Tournament and Nat Fleischer, THE RING Editor, is to referee the final bout and present the winner with THE RING Belt as well as White's $1000 prize besides the purse to the lucky lad. Over five thousand fans is the capacity of the Civic Center Arena.

Jerry Coursol or Billy Moore, 144, young Canadian welterweight, who is one of the best youngsters to show in Florida rings in recent years, finally made his nemesis, Jack Larrimore, say uncle after three previous bouts in which Larrimore gained two wins and one draw with Al Lang's promising boy. Coursol stopped Larrimore, 141, after downing him six times in the fourth and fifth heats. The referee halted the fight in round five when Jack was in helpless condition. Two thousand fans attended Promoter Dave White's program.

In the remaining bouts Billy Grimm, 138, Miami, was awarded a four-rounder over Frankie Fernley, 133, of Fort Lauderdale. Irving Marcus, 164, Brooklyn, stopped Georgie Murphy, 158, Jacksonville, in the 4th. Romero Ouimet, 136, Montreal, took a sixer from Baby Joe Diaz, 131, Tampa. Ralph Kaplan, 164, from Brooklyn, made it a Dodger Day by stopping Billy Day, 165, Philadelphia, in the third round. Dave Meredith, 140, West Palm Beach lad, held Ray Delgado, 133, Tampa, to a draw in their eight-heat scrap. (At Miami, October 23rd.)

Cowboy Billy Petersen, Montana cowpuncher, again showed his aggressiveness to Al Reid, with the result Petersen once more came through victoriously over the South Carolinian by the kayo way in the eighth round. The two gave the Charleston fans a great fight with another rematch possibly on one of Promoter Red Reilly's future shows. Petersen was decked in the fourth but he got up to finish triumphantly. He had previously scored a T.K.O. in four over Reid at Savannah. The winner tipped 147, the loser two pounds less.

Charleston, S. C., Oct. 15—In an eight-rounder, Woody Woodcock, Charleston southie, 128 pounds, scored a knockdown in the last chapter over Jackie Blount, Jacksonville boy, in a hectic fight. Blount held his own until then, the decisive point of victory. Jackie tipped 130. His stable partner, Johnny (Jackie) Carroll, 145, did mighty well in stabbing Irish Eddie Kiernan, marine welter, for three rounds, but he could not stand the Irishman's steady forcing and thereby succumbed in the fifth after being downed for a count several seconds earlier in that heat.

Sailor Don Rogers reached Whitey McCoy's tummy with an assortment of punches and kayoed McCoy in the first round. In a four-round no-decision scrap, Dickie Mullen, Charleston boy, and Freddie Wiggins of North Charleston, battled hard in their encounter to give fans another show. Mullen could have been the winner if a decision had to be rendered.

Homer Garlin, who began his pro battling recently 'neath the Miami palms, is back in the Magic City where he is taking a G.I. course in physical education at the Miami University. Garlin, under the fistic sobriquet of Joey Davis, hails from Mount Joy, Pa., and will commence his scrapping on Promoter Dave White's fistic shows.

In another major boxing upset, Buster Tyler, 142, Negro cuffer from West Palm Beach, Florida, handed Beau Jack, Augusta, Ga., 142¾, a beating in a ten-rounder at Elizabeth, N. J. Tyler hit the canvas five times throughout the bout but must have had something sweet on the ball to overcome the Beau's margin.

Tommy Gomez, the hard-hitting Tampa heavyweight, failed in his third showing before Buffalo fight fans where he built himself as a great card in the New York city. Gomez was stopped in three by Joe Matisi, who weighed 198½ for Tommy's 184½.

Jock Leslie, the Flint, Michigan, featherweight, who is going so big over in New Orleans, tasted defeat before Crescent City fans when Baby Gonzales, 127½, Los Angeles, took a tenner away from him. Jock tipped 126½.

Florida's Negro swatter, Elmer "Violent" Ray, from Hastings, added to his neat record of wins by stopping Earle Lowman in the second round at St. Paul. Ray, number two contender for Joe Louis's crown in THE RING Magazine, may meet the Bomber in 1947.

Al Reid, Greenwood, S. C., welterweight, was too good for Mike Gonzales, Havana, Cuba, and the latter was halted in the first round in the feature bout at Charleston on October 1. The semi-final between Floyd Shiflett, Cartersville, Ga., lightie, and Ernest Nogues, Tampa, Fla., scrapper, went to Shiflett in an eight-rounder. The best fight of the card saw Irish Eddie Kiernan take Hal Locklair into camp with a well-earned six-round decision, a lightweight go. Locklair took a body beating. Freddie Wiggins stopped Paul Bustamante in the second round, and Woody Woodcock kayoed Georgie Rojo in the third heat. The latter two losers are from Tampa. Another good crowd was on hand.

Promoter Dave White, of Miami, sent in a five-year subscription to THE RING Magazine, just to make sure he gets The Boxing Bible every month.

Bulldog Camagueyano, Cuban welterweight boxing out of Tampa, claims that he rates among the top Florida welters by scoring a close ten-round win over Jack Larrimore in Tampa on Sept. 26 in an upset. Larrimore weighed 142, and 138 for Bulldog. In the semi, Ernest Nogues, 131, Tampa, beat Mike Gonzales, Havana, Cuba, 132, in another tenner. Johnny North, 147, kayoed Larry Lynn, 148, in three heats to continue his winning ways. Austin Waters beat Ray Hake in a four-round bout that was filled with action.

A benefit boxing and wrestling show for Joey Puig, injured critically several weeks ago in fighting Orlando Fernandez at Tampa, netted the game little scrapper $866 after eight bouts and two wrestling matches were offered fans by Promoter Floyd Golden (Boxing) and Promoter Nick Gulas (Wrestling). Johnny Ramsey stopped Hank Oliver in two; Sammy Webb beat Frankie Evans in four; Little Tony and Baby Gans drew in four; Tony Rojo stopped Johnny Rodriguez in three; Paul Bustamante won from Battling Oscar in four; Raul Moran stopped Sonny Hope in one; Manny Gomez beat Johnny Dupree in four; and Orlando Fernandez decisioned Baby Joe Diaz in four.

Buddy Rose, Tampa middleweight, has gone back north to campaign around the New York state area. . . . Buster Tyler, Negro, West Palm Beach boxer, beat Johnny Forte in Philadelphia. . . . Marty Fuller, New York fight manager, was in Jacksonville again with his heavyweight, Buddy Knox, on their way down to Miami. . . . Buddy Scott, Jacksonville heavyweight, has gone with Mrs. Scott to Johannesburg, South Africa, where he has several bouts on line.

Johnny Dabbs, Memphis welterweight, won a ten-rounder from promising Buddy Holderfield, of Scott, Ark., in the feature bout held at Memphis, Tenn., on Oct. 8.

Cowboy Billy Petersen, Montana cowpuncher, stopped game Al Reid in the fourth at Savannah, Ga., on October 7. Reid, ahead on points up to the fourth, got a cut eye that halted the bout. Both are welters. An upset came in when Johnny Breitenbruck, Paris Island Marine, took a six-rounder away from Buster Carroll, veteran Massachusetts boxer, in a welter dish. Sammy Reid subbed for Eddie Kiernan and stopped Charlie Morrison in three rounds. Both lighties. Al Young knocked out Tommy Peavy in three, both lightweights; and Baby Face Meeks got a four-rounder over Tim Baldree.

Boxers wanting action in and around Florida can do well by contacting yours truly at the following address: Tom Ephrem, 403 West Ninth St., Jacksonville 8, Florida. Florida's boxing this season will be her best yet. All news and results regarding Dixie and any Southern fighter, etc., is welcomed.

Billy White, former topnotch lightweight from Jersey City, N. J., is down Miami way where his brother Dave promotes in the Magic City. Ranked around 1927 by THE RING Magazine as the eighth best lightie, Billy received another honor by none other than Tex Rickard himself, who called him the hardest hitting lightweight in the world.

Redmond Reilly is Charleston's new fight promoter. Reilly has visions of giving the South Carolina city good fights. This corner wishes Reilly the best in his venture.

Jack Laken, former fight promoter and at present manager of one of the best welters, Chuck Taylor, was in Jacksonville on a visit.

Likewise Chuck, the latter arriving with Irish Sonny Jordan, a Clearfield, Penna. boxer and protege of the welter ranking star.

Chico Morales, Tampa and Havana featherweight, continues his good work in Memphis rings. He beat former Featherweight King Jackie Callura, 126, in the Tennessee city on October 16th. This made his fourth win there in five appearances, having a draw in his other effort with Mike Raffa.

Lee Sala, very promising middleweight from Donora, Penna., now fighting out of Tampa, scored another kayo, keeping himself undefeated. Babe Saunders was the latest victim, going out in two rounds at Savannah, Ga., on October 22.

Pete Andrews is the matchmaker for Bill Sallade for the Sarasota fight club. At Saratosa, Florida, October 14th, Rene Cantero, 140, kayoed Maxie Turner, 145, in the second round, while Johnny Dupree, 162, stopped Sonny Hope, 163, in the fourth. Baby Joe Diaz, 128, beat Battling Oscar, 129, in a six-rounder. Tony Rojo, 120, kayoed Johnny Rooney, 123, in 3. Tony is the best little man prospect around, though he actually weighs around the 115 mark. Mike Gonzales, 138, kayoed Ferroll Norris, 142, in round two.

At Sarasota, Florida—On October 28, Lee Sala, Donora, Penna., and Tampa, Florida middleweight remained undefeated, having scored his 10th straight southern victory with Joey Rhoden of Jacksonville his latest victim. Rhoden went out in the fourth heat. The winner weighed 158, and the loser 157. Joey Smith, 137, halted Eddie Bennett, 140, in the second, while Baby Joe Diaz, 128, beat Bobby Barrett, 130, in the six-rounder. It was number 13 straight for Tony Rojo, actually a flyweight, as he halted Jackie Hagen, 123, in the fourth round.

Elmer "Violent" Ray, Hastings, Florida Negro heavyweight, put the skids under Georgie Parks, Washington Negro, 180, in the third. Elmer tipped 198. The bout took place in Chicago. Chester Rico, slender New Yorker, 139½, was awarded the 10-round duke over Leo Rodak, 139, Chicago, at New Orleans.

Henry Moulden, Baltimore fight manager and amateur boxing promoter, and Buddy Garcia, promising Texas lightweight, are co-managers of an Ocala Negro heavyweight, Jackie Wilkerson, who has shown how to put the kayo punch over. Just a recent starter, Wilkerson stopped Billy Pappas, Nat Hines, Eddie White and others around the Baltimore and Washington area.

Ernest Nogues did quite well in holding the favored Pee Wee Flores to a 10-round draw at Tampa. It was a thrilling fight all the way. Flores seemed the winner to ringsiders and received one of the judges' votes while two other ballots were termed even. The boys saved the show sponsored by the 116th Field Artillery which had Lee Sala and Bobby Britton lined up on top. Britton did not put in an appearance, but Sala took on Ralph Morina, 164, who didn't land any kind of blow and went out in the third round.

Baby Joe Diaz subbed for Ray Delgado, who had an injured eye and faced Joey Wasnick of New Haven, Conn. Diaz scored a five-round T.K.O. when Wasnick suffered a gashed brow from one of the Baby's looping rights. Ray Rockne, 170, Tampa, was too tired and collapsed in the third round against Dallas Woods, 165, who received a T.K.O. In the opening bout, Tony Rojo, 120, put the halter on Raoul Rojos, 121, in the third.

Young Chino Alvarez, Tampa lightweight, halted Orlando Fernandez, same city, at Tampa on October 22, after a cut eye forced the bout to end in the seventh round. Alvarez outclassed Orlando after the first heat and seemed well on his way to win. Fernandez was game, however. Raul Moran, Cuban heavyweight, kayoed Charley Kid Baisden of Jacksonville in the third. Baisden is way past his fighting days. Manny Gomez, welterweight, fought Johnny Dupree, a middleweight, for the third time. Three ballots were in favor of Dupree, who showed vast improvement. Johnny North was again in winning form and stopped Eddie Bennett in the second round. Both are middleweights. Austin Waters used a left jab to easily outpoint Ray Hake in 4.

Joey Dunne, Jacksonville welterweight, scored a 10-round decision over Russ (Baby Face) Wilhite of Memphis in the feature bout at Charleston, S. C., on October 22. Promoter Reilly gave locals another fine card. Dunne used his long reach and a stabbing left to excellent advantage to gain the nod, clear cut.

The semi-windup with Eddie Kiernan and Johnny Jay of Jacksonville was a humdinger, Jay going down finally for keeps in the fourth heat after visiting the canvas in every round up to the end. Both are welters.

Woody Woodcock, 127, local larruper, made Benny Smith, 124, Memphis, hear the birdies sing in the first chapter of their bout. Dick Mullen, 128, local boy, punched out a four-round victory over Nick Decker, 120, Hartford, Conn., youngster. Decker proved to be a tough nut for

Mullen to crack and stayed there for the distance. Judd Stainbrook, 142, local, decisioned Bill Monroe, 138, in a red hot four-rounder that was action all the way.

At Miami, on October 21, Vince Gambill, back from his Oklahoma home, appeared before Miamians once more to knock out Johnny Jay of Jacksonville in the 3rd heat. Gambill had everything his own way from the start. He tipped 149; Jay, 146. The semi-eight saw Manolo Kid, 123, Havana, drop Pee Wee Flores three times to take the nod. Flores at 116. Knute Baker, 142, outpointed Mike Gonzales, 138, Tampa, in a six-round good fight. Frankie Fernkey, 133, fought hard to take a sixer from Johnny Dyson, 136. Nick Decker, 117, put Wee Willie Denardi, 119, away in the second chapter.

In a great fight on October 29 that supplied Promoter Red Reilly's Charleston card with fireworks galore, Clyde "Flash" Gordon, Jacksonville welterweight, won via the T.K.O. route in the eighth round over dead game Eddie Kiernan. In the 8-round semi, local favorite Woody Woodcock, a lightweight, scored a T.K.O. over Joey Wasnick of New Haven, Conn., in round six. Freddie Wiggins, North Charleston, took Cliff Smith of Miami, into camp with a one-round kayo. They are bantams. Sailor Don Rogers bested Billy Grimm in a four-rounder that contained heaps of leather-throwing. Grimm, according to the papers, should have been given a draw. For the second time, Dickie Mullen, 118, Charleston, took the measure of Nick Decker, Miami, 120, in a four-rounder.

Eddie Steele, Macon middleweight, put Johnny Taylor, Asheville product, to sleep in the second round before the latter's home town fans at Asheville on October 3. A right to the button did it for Eddie, who weighed 161; Taylor, 162. The best fight of Promoter Red Ball's program featured his brother, Gordon Ball, and Gus Aldridge of Macon.

The middleweights fought savagely from bell to bell with Ball taking a close victory. Sammy Reid, 136, kayoed Johnny Meeks, 136, in the fourth heat. Another actioneer found welterweights Mel Cameron and Tom Kilpatrick going at it for six rounds. The nod went to Cameron and also was the first defeat suffered in the Auditorium for Tom. Cecil Redden, 134, gained the four-round win over James Tabor, 132.

A left, then a right to the button, spelled finish to Jack Patton in round 8 against Eddie Steele of Macon, Ga., in Promoter Ted Ball's presentation on October 17. The Miami boy absorbed all he could until the end. The boys threw plenty of leather but the hardest ones came when Steele banged away with the finishers. They are middleweights.

Teet Montooth had his courageous opponent, Billy Paul, down 12 times but the latter stayed the distance of 8 rounds and Montooth had to be content with the decision. They are both middleweights. Don Bowman got a four-round T.K.O. over Bascomb Bradley in a lightweight mix. Each weighed 128. The best fight of the night saw Gene Carlisle and Chick Hammond, each 136, battle six hard rounds to a draw. Lightweights Cecil Redden and Ray Hutchins, drew in a four-rounder, but Redden looked the winner.

Promoter Dave White's Southern Welterweight Tournament was to have gotten under way in its first round featuring Norman "Hi-Ho" Silver and Clarence "Cotton" King, but Silver refused to go through with the bout. White asked the local (Miami) Boxing Commission to suspend Silver from activity.

Replacing Norman Silver, who pulled out of his scheduled fight with Clarence "Cotton" King, was Vince Gambill of El Reno, Oklahoma, and a strong favorite in Miami. Gambill faced King and whipped the West Palm Beach lad in a decisive manner. The loss dropped King from the tournament. He figured one of the most likely to win.

The bout was a good one with Gambill leading all the way. King flared up in the fifth. Believing he was hit low, Clarence dropped his guard and dared Vince to come and fight. The latter willingly responded and the battle continued even after the bell sounded. King had to be pulled away and the fans booed. He shook his fists at them all. Quite a colorful cuffer, this Cotton King, and showman de luxe.

In the latter stages of the fight Clarence mustered all he could and shook Gambill several times but was almost dropped by a sharp right close to the end. Thirty-five hundred customers attended Promoter Dave White's tourney opener at the Civic Center of Miami on October 23rd.

Gambill's win is a big upset. He tipped 144½; King, 140½.

Romeo Ouimet, 134½, Montreal, scored in an eight-round semi over Irish Jackie Hogan, 134½, of Pittsburgh. Ouimet looks a coming favorite in Miami. Irving Marcus, 162, a hard punching Brooklyn boy, halted Box Cox, 169, in the third round of their bout. Ralph Kaplan, 162, another Brooklyn lad, and Bob Yousso, 169, of Miami, travelled six rounds to a draw. Billy Grimm, Detroiter welter, won a four-round battle from Jerry Dwain. In another welter offering, Tony Mancuso, 146, bested Frank Rossi, 144, via the T.K.O. route. It was stopped in the second heat. Dave White promoted.

FROM LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
By JOE FRENCH

THE Derbytown Athletic Club of Louisville, headlined its monthly fight card at the Armory with a ten-round light-heavyweight feature between veteran Mose Brown, 170, Huntington, W. Va., and Lloyd Gibson, 166, Cincinnati Negro. Gibson came in to replace Bob Garner, local puncher, who was forced out of the fight due to a hand injury received in a previous Chicago bout. Gibson received the ten-round verdict mainly due to his edge in the footwork and left jab departments.

The eight-round semi-final, although one-sided, gave the fans more action than the main event as Dick Cook, Peoria scrapper, booking out of Cincinnati, handed a beating to Augee Yerratt, game but overmatched Detroit featherweight. Cook sent Yerratt down for a number of visits to the canvas with the referee halting the contest in the sixth heat and awarding Cook the verdict.

Only one of the four-round supporting bouts went the distance when Jimmy Robinson outpointed Sammy Brown, local Negro lightweights. Frankie Malone of Louisville, started the kayo spree by stopping Max Yeager of Cincinnati, in three heats of a lightweight tilt, while George Schuh, heavy-hitting local youngster, scored his second straight pro win halting Carl Blumfield, West Virginia middleweight, also in three rounds. Mac Thompson of Louisville has returned to local ring action since being released from the Navy and hung a three-round kayo on Billy Weeks, light-heavy from Huntington, W. Va.

Kentucky is again back in the membership fold of the N.B.A. and the local commission would do well to adopt several rules followed by other states to benefit the fight picture here, one rule being to require fighters to wear trunks of different colors. Another regulation now in force here which is of no benefit to local boxing conditions, is the law which prohibits mixed bouts, that is, Negro boxers meeting white boys. . . . Back in 1942 this regulation was lifted and the promoters were able to feature some good, well matched contests. However, for reasons best known to the local commission, this rule is again in the books. . . . Louisville now has two training spots for boxers, with Freddie Eiler, former local boxer, operating a new gym in the downtown district and the Derbytown Boxing Club operating a well outfitted gym with Ed "Happy" Davis in charge. . . . Davis, a veteran ring performer of the old school, is also training and managing Mac Thompson, light-heavy belter, and Billy Barrett, young amateur bantam soon to join the paid class. . . . Keep an eye on Buddy Cansler, Negro heavyweight clouter with 14 knockout wins in the amateurs, who has turned to the pro ranks. . . . Fighters of all weights, amateur champs and discharged service boxers, interested in pro careers, will do well to contact the writer at 1009 French Street, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.
By JIM ECHOLS

IN A LISTLESS ten-round headliner at Turner's Arena, durable Bee Bee Washington kayoed Oscar Boyd, of Buffalo, in 2:54 of the seventh round.

Washington won every round and was piling up points with his whistling left and winging right. At best, all the veteran Boyd had to offer was wild swinging roundhouse blows. Washington scaled 165 to 163 for Boyd.

The prelims were action-packed. The semi-windup, a sixer, was a real sizzler that featured Biff Jones, 128. Washington, and Leslie Harris, 133, Baltimore, and ended in a draw. It was nip-and-tuck all the way. It was a split decision with two draw votes and one for Harris.

In other sixes, Arthur Bethea, 149, Washington, came on in the closing stanzas to cop a close decision over Norvel Gaddes, 154½, also of Washington. Howard Faulkiner, 141½, Wheeling, W. Va., decisioned tough Vince Mazac, 144, Houston, in a slugfest. In the opening four, Henry Young, 126, Washington, decisioned Vernon Brown, 122, Baltimore, in a good bout.

Turner's Arena—In his second weekly show of the winter season Joe Turner presented a ten-round go involving Bee Bee Washington and Bobby Berger, veteran Chicago battler, in which Double Bee was an easy victor. The Chicagoan didn't take a round. Bee Bee Washington scaled 161 to Berger's 157.

In a six-round semi-windup, Artie Brown, 143, Washington, scored over Jerry Kiger, 144, McKeesport, in a rousing battle. Brown scored two knockdowns in the third and won a clear cut decision.

Gene Hardison, 153, Norfolk, in his pro debut, lost a hair-line decision to Arthur Bethea, 149, Washington, in a sixer. In a savagely fought four, Charlie Bennett, 143, Washington, outpointed Flat-top Cummings, 144, Washington, while in the opening four, Wilbur Mason, 197, former D. C. A.A.U. heavyweight champ, won from Red Jeter, 182, in another thriller.

For a third successive week Turner's Arena rocked as Gabe Menendez and Joe Turner presented a slam-bang affair topped by Smuggy Hersey and Jimmy Mandell. Hersey scored an upset victory over the Buffalo fighter. Smuggy forced the fighting all the way, landing most of the solid blows. There were no knockdowns but plenty of action. Hersey weighed 158½ to Mandell's 158.

In the semi-final four-rounder Ruben Young, 149, Atlanta, scored over Flattop Cummings, 144, Washington. In another four, Paul "Stonewall" Jackson, 137, Washington, had a few anxious moments before he won over Billy Gilliam, 138, Pittsburgh.

Other fours: Jimmy Jones, 164, Washington, T.K.O.'ed Lee Strong, 162, Washington, in 0:38 of the fourth; Billy Morris, 130, Washington, kayoed Ray Borne, 126, Philadelphia, in 2:23 of the third.

The opener, also a four, saw Henry Young, 124, Washington, decision Willie Hawkins, 121, Washington.

An excellent show, but we can't understand the lack of attendance. All three shows have been action-packed.

Surviving a third-round knockdown, Jackie Cranford, promising local heavyweight, came back strong to win via the T.K.O. route over Buddy Komar in the ten-round main event at Turner's Arena.

It was a savage brawl that at times bordered on a Pier Six special. For five rounds they slugged it out even steven with each boy taking a knockdown count. Komar took an eight in the second while Cranford went for nine in the third. Starting at the sixth Jackie took over and assumed the lead, working his left nicely and proved to the local gentry that he had what it takes to dispose of a rugged foe.

Buddy suffered a badly cut eye in the fifth and at the conclusion of the sixth he returned with a bad gash over his right optic. In the eighth stanza Komar was cut over the left eye and at the conclusion of the round Dr. Don S. Knowlton, boxing commission physician, ordered the bout halted, giving Cranford a nine-round T.K.O. win. Cranford scaled 180 to 181 for Komar, the McKeesport battler.

In a scheduled eight-round semi-windup Jimmy McGriff, 144, Washington, kayoed Billy Richardson, 141, Baltimore, in 2:56 of the second. It was a fast bout while it lasted with McGriff finally catching up to his Baltimore opponent and putting him away for the count.

A sixer featured Al Wright, 167, Washington, winning a close decision over Jimmy "Powerhouse" Johnson, 167, Washington, in a sizzling contest. Walter Roane, 146, Washington, knocked out Frank Gantt, 153, also Washington, in 2:33 of the third. In the opening four, Arthur "Red" Jeter, 188, Washington, lost to Billy Lanham, 204, Washington, by a T.K.O. in the third. Time was 1:51. Jeter was on the floor twice when the referee stepped in to save him from further damage.

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CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA SPORTS
By DANNY MYERS

AL COPELAND has decided to join hands with Promoter Al Cox so the two Al's will endeavor to bring the best available talent to Harrisburg. The team presented Walter (Speedy) Duval, 165, Philadelphia, Pa., against Irish Johnny Smith, 166, New York City, in a windup. Duval threw everything in the book at Smith, who made three fast trips to the canvas in three rounds for counts of nine.

Referee Tony Prince of Harrisburg ended the contest in 1:40 of the third session.

In other bouts, Lew Perez, 162, New York City, did his clown act with his opponent, Ken Harris, 167, Philadelphia, Pa. This bout was stopped. Perez could not answer the gong for the fifth stanza. Brown (Sweet-cakes) Lee, 130, Harrisburg, Pa., came out on the short end in his go with Charlie Williams, 126, Philadelphia.

Al Robinson, 151, Steelton, Pa., damaged his left duke in the second round and was forced to quit in the fourth session in his bout with Charlie Dotson, 154, Philadelphia. Dick Mack, 145, Harrisburg, Pa., won with plenty to spare in a six-round go with Milt Morant, 147, Philadelphia, Pa.

Staff Sergeant Ted Nye, former Harrisburg *Telegraph* Golden Gloves champion, has been discharged from the army after serving as Motor Sergeant of Headquarters Troop, 104th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron. Nye was active in Northern France and in all Central Europe. He wears the American Defense, American Campaign and World War II Victory Ribbons and the European Theatre ribbon with two battle stars.

At the Cambria Club on October 19, Willie Alexander, 124½, Chester, Pa., took an eight-round decision from Paul Febbo, 127½, Philadelphia, Pa. Alexander was the only participant on the card who did not come from Philadelphia, besides Freddy Lester.

Freddy Lester, 168½, Harrisburg, Pa., former Southwest Pacific champion, disposed of Red Peterson, 168½, in two rounds. Mark Umile, 149½, was the winner of a six from Charlie Dotson, 151½; Nate Baynard, 139½, turned the trick over Billy O'Connor, 132, in another sixer and Billy (The) Sweet, 161½, took a six-round decision from Art Dugan, 164.

Larry Amadee, trainer of the world's heavyweight boxing champion, Joe Louis, is looking after the training of Bee Bee Wright and all the boxers of the Dr. Joe Randall and Al Copeland stable. The boxers who work daily at the Randall-Copeland gym, are Bee Bee Wright, Bobby Waters, Dave Waters, Brown Lee, Jimmy Hill, Jess Moraney, Al Norris, King Sharpie and Dick Mack among others.

Ossie (Bulldog) Harris, 158, Pittsburgh, Pa., was on the short end of a ten-round decision when he faced the ever popular Ray (Sugar) Robinson, 152, New York. The sixth was the local lad's best round. He had the Sugar missing looping rights and lefts in this stanza.

The veteran Tommy Yarosz, 165, Monaca, Pa., was the decision winner over Johnny Clark, 164, New York, N. Y., in eight heats. Jackie Armitage, 150, New Kensington, Pa., won in six stanzas from Pete Spotti, 152, Cecil, Pa.; Frankie Girard, 118, Toledo, Ohio, made short work in stopping Eddie Hines, 120, Pittsburgh, Pa., by a T.K.O. in the first round. Joe Barone, 146, Pittsburgh, Pa., won the opening chukker of four rounds from Alex Como, 142, Youngstown, Ohio.

Joe Poodles, 167, stopped Johnny Moore, 174, Baltimore, Md., in the third.

Frankie Rowe, 160, Baltimore, Md., was the T.K.O. winner over a fellow townsman, Dick Porter, 160, when Referee Tony Prince, Harrisburg, intervened in the second round.

At Saint Mary's Catholic Club of York, Pa., fight fans witnessed a night of slugging with plenty of K.O.'s registered during the evening. Carrington McNutt, 185, Baltimore, Md., registered a K.O. in the third frame over Maxie Schanzenbach, 177, Allentown, Pa. The bout was scheduled for eight rounds.

In the opening contest York's popular Ernie Calhoun, 136, scored a T.K.O. over Don McBriar, 138, Baltimore, Md. Don failed to answer the gong for the third round. Charles Madison, 145, Baltimore, Md., stopped Johnny (Red) Fees, 137, Lebanon, Pa., in the fifth.

Mickey Davis, writer of West Virginia News for THE RING Magazine and a very close friend and former boxer, Bucky Collins, of Huntington, West Virginia, have announced the opening of a new and better gym for the use of boxers at 832½ Seventh Avenue, Huntington, West Virginia.

Al Copeland and Al Cox put on a good show on October 31. The show was a great success as well as one of the finest bills that has ever been presented for the enjoyment of the fistic fans of Harrisburg.

Bee Bee Wright, the "Harrisburg Thunderbolt" unloosed the atomic energy in his dukes and lambasted his adversary from pillar to post in the third round. Bee Bee, recently discharged from the armed forces, is making a comeback and in view of the fact that he cooled the aspirations of Henry Jordan, New York City, in 2:10 of the third stanza, he proved that he is ready to take all comers. Wright came in tipping the Toledo's at 145, while Jordan was one and one half pounds heavier.

Bobby Waters at 130, Harrisburg lightweight, came out on the short end in his eight-round encounter with Leslie Harris, 137, Baltimore, Md. This was the semi-final to the Wright-Jordan fracas. Billy Proctor, 127, Harrisburg, was a very much surprised young man when Pete Wambach, the announcer, blurted out, "The decision, a DRAW." This was an error as a mistake had been made in the scoring count. After a very lengthy dispute, the deputy boxing commissioner, Harry Ludwig, checked the slips of the officials and Proctor was called back into the ring from the dressing room and was awarded the eight-round decision over Joey Longo, 123, Baltimore, Md.

Dave Waters, 127, Harrisburg, could not cope with the cleverness of Georgie Neubeck, 136, Baltimore, and lost the opener which on my score card showed one round for Waters, two rounds even and three rounds for Neubeck. I said in a recent article that I would have to see a presentation by the combination of Copeland and Cox, to say whether or not it looked like better things for boxing, well folks, here it is. I most sincerely believe that Al Copeland and Al Cox will see to it that Harrisburg will be in a class with Pittsburgh and Philadelphia in the realm of boxing.

If the two Als keep presenting bouts like the ones that the fans have thus far seen, I am sure that they will be a great success as promoters.

PITTSBURGH FISTIC NEWS
By FRANK T. McQUAIDE, JR.

RAY (SUGAR) ROBINSON on the evening of October 7, defeated Ossie (Bulldog) Harris. Robinson took every round even though Ossie forced him to backpedal most of the way. But while backpedaling against the always dangerous Harris, Ray kept his razor-sharp left in Ossie's face forcing him to a shell repeatedly.

Ray (Sugar) Robinson weighed 152; Harris 158.

Tommy Yarosz, highly touted local middleweight prospect, who fought in the Louis-Conn semi-finals, appeared in the semi-finals on this card against Johnny Clark, New York, Sugar Robinson's stablemate, and walked off with the unanimous decision.

Tommy, managed by his older brother Teddy, former middleweight king, and with Ray Arcel in his corner, boxed superbly in winning the very popular verdict.

Tommy Yarosz weighed 165; Clark, 164.

Jackie Armitage, 150, New Kensington, Pa., landed the cleaner more effective blows to gain the unanimous decision over Pete Spotti, 152, Cecil, Pa., in a six-rounder.

Frankie Girard, 118, Detroit, Mich., fighting a rematch with the local Eddie Hines, 120, opened a cut over Hines' left eye in the opening seconds of the contest and the referee, Freddie Mastrean, wisely halted the bout after two minutes, 43 seconds of the first round.

Jumping Joe Barrone, 123, Pittsburgh, recent winner in the Dapper Dan Golden Gloves tournament, fighting his second professional fight floored Alex Como, 125, Youngstown, Ohio, for counts of seven and six in the third round but had to be content with a unanimous decision in a four-rounder.

Max Kabala, 146, Pittsburgh, and Clyde Mayberry, 142, Pittsburgh, fought a rough, tough battle with Kabala garnering the unanimous decision in the four-round curtain raiser.

The opening of the local indoor boxing season, delayed for over a month by a paralyzing strike of power company employees, got under way October 31, 1946, at the Aragon Gardens, when Promoter Bill Dumer presented the first of his weekly shows which will continue throughout the winter and early spring.

In the main event, scheduled for eight rounds, sharp punching Al Johnson of Indianapolis entered the ring an underdog and scored a decisive upset over Harold Hazlett of Rochester, Pa., flooring him five times and knocking him out in one minute 20 seconds of the third round.

Al Johnson weighed 170; Hazlett, 172.

The scheduled six-round semi-final also ended abruptly when Patty Hill, 145, Monaca, Pa., dropped George Liggins, 144, Carnegie, Pa., for counts of nine, six and seven in round two and when Liggins, suffering from a dislocated right shoulder, was unable to answer the bell for round three, Hill was awarded the T.K.O. victory.

In other bouts, Sonny Jordan, 160, Clearfield, Pa., made short work of George Faulkner, 165, Pittsburgh, flooring him for counts of seven and five, then knocked him out in two minutes, 51 seconds of round one of a scheduled four-rounder.

In an action packed four-rounder, Gene Brinks, 144, Pittsburgh, floored Joey Adams, 145, Johnstown, Pa., for a two-count in round two, but had to go hard to win the unanimous decision.

Another four-rounder saw Bobby Beaman, 132, Indianapolis, drop Billy Foreman, 133, Pittsburgh, twice for nine counts in round one, and again for a nine-count in round three, but Foreman was plenty game and Beaman had to be content with a unanimous decision.

The scheduled four-round curtain raiser found Dell Haught, 135, Canonsburg, flooring Butch Williams for a three count and then knocking him out after 2:55 of the first round.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. JIMMIE AMANN

PAT IACOBUCCI, young California Italian, is the new ring idol of this section. Young Pat, a student at St. Xavier University, making his second main event start and his first one before a home town audience on the night of October 21 at Music Hall Arena, defeated the more experienced Benny May of New York, in ten rounds before a crowd of 2306.

Joe Discepoli, swatting lightweight of Joe Seta, stepped another notch toward a main go shot when in the eight-round semifinal he outmaneuvered his opponent, George Weaver, for seven rounds and then blasted out a two-fisted attack in the eighth and final to cop the unanimous verdict.

In the supporting bouts, Curley Denton won a decision in six rounds over Steve Izzy. Charley Scott exploded the Jackie O'Cohen knockout myth when he blasted out lanky Jack in the fourth session.

On the night of October 29th at his Sportsman's Bar in Covington, Ky., popular Mickey Kilcher, co-manager of Fitzie Fitzpatrick, West Coast light-heavy contender, played open house to sport editors, writers and several Kentucky city, state and government officials. The evening marked the grand opening of Mickey's cafe.

AROUND FOUNTAIN SQUARE WITH THE PUNCHERS AND THEIR PILOTS . . . My national release announcement that the 1947 boxing promoters and managers guide at a buck per copy will be ready in January brought a tremendous response. . . . Joe Basco's stable of fighters from Barberton, Ohio, are the most busy in the state . . . seldom do we pick up a newspaper from this section that Basco's boys are not represented on the top cards. . . . My fight flashes service which is one dollar per year continues to enjoy a national response. . . . Dutch Reese of Louisville, Ky., has a good looking Negro heavyweight in Sid Peaks, who has eight one-round knockouts on his record of wins. . . . Freddy Miller, former featherweight champion will soon join the Joe Seta forces and act as trainer of Joe Discepoli, the rising young lightie star. . . . Fighters of all weights and managers of good fighters who want local and national booking contact Jimmie Amann, 6716 Palmetto St., Cincinnati, Ohio. . . . Billy Smith, Oakland, Calif., light-heavyweight, who fought a great fight with Ezzard Charles here in Cincinnati, may be brought back soon.

ARKANSAS AND OKLAHOMA FLASHES
By CLYDE SMITH

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., Oct. 1.—Eddie Ownby, of Gainesville, Texas, and heavyweight champion of Texas, knocked out Georgie Murphy, Chicago, in the first round. Oklahoma City is a good fight town but bouts like this will never build up the game.

James Enopia, 126, Oklahoma City, knocked out Baby Torres, in the first round.

J. R. Winkle, 147, Oklahoma City, also won a first round kayo over Bobby Graham of Wichita, Kansas.

Eddie Lamarr, lightheavy from California, now living at Oklahoma City, earned a five-round decision over John Riley.

Bill Cornelius, 146, city, decisioned Eddie Weller, 142, city, (5).

Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 28.—Johnny Dabbs, 142, of Beaumont, Texas, took an easy ten-round decision over Buddy Holderfield, 145, of Scott, Ark. It was Dabbs' second win over Buddy.

Bob Sikes, 190, Pine Bluff, Ark., knocked out Frankie Levier, 205, of Kansas City, in the first round of a scheduled ten-round semi. It was the first fight in several years for Sikes.

Ed Walker, 130, North Little Rock, and Johnny Goodspeed, 132, Memphis, boxed a four-round draw.

Billy Hill, 130, Memphis, knocked out Billy Monroe, 133, Jackson, Miss., (3).

L. T. Hill, 153, Little Rock, knocked out Jimmy Staff, 158, Little Rock, three rounds. Negro bout.

A battle royal between Negroes opened the show.

NOTICE—Boxing is very good down this way. Yours Truly would like to hear from some good boys who would like to come to Texas. My address is 1003 E. Magrill St., Longview, Texas.

FANFARE from MISSOURI
By ROBERT B. DANA

HARRY EAGLES returned to the promotional wars with his first offering last month. Freddie Dawson, one of the sharpest, smartest and best all around pugilistic workmen to be brought into the local picture in many moons, won in convincing style over the ever dangerous Willie Russell, left-handed Columbus lightweight, who happens to punch like a middleweight.

Jimmy Williams, 228, alias Kid Riviera, alias the Black Blimp, had a close shave from Kenny Johnson, a smaller but more ambitious heavyweight in a six-rounder. Riviera, who weighs more and more every time he shows, ran shy of petrol in the late stages and had to call upon all his defensive skill to protect the early lead he had piled up. There is no question, however, that Riviera will have to get in shape if he is to cash in on his many capabilities.

Jim Richie, claimant to the state light-heavyweight title, laid waste Al Sheridan, who claims a like distinction in Indiana, in just 1:19 of the first round. Incidentally, his last amateur victory was at the expense of Joe Maxim, THE RING'S runner-up contender among the heavyweights.

Milton Jones won a five-round special over Jim Bull in the curtain raiser. Jones was the first St. Louis fighter to win the Golden Gloves at Chicago.

Eddie Dames gave Stanley Novak a pretty good thumping. The Omaha featherweight looked pretty shopworn fistically speaking, but he was a whale of a showman and the small gathering gave him a fine reception.

FROM PILLORY TO POST: Fight fans are mourning the untimely death of the popular Eddie Lee, Chinese featherweight. Eddie died in a crash somewhere in Texas. He was piloting his own plane. Eddie is said to have had some 140 fights in which he emerged victorious in 100. He holds a decision over the able Bernard Docusen, a fact which speaks for itself. . . . The Kiwanis amateur show was a big success this year. Oklahoma City won team honors whereas Kenny Nienhaus won the individual accolade. . . . Earl Harris, East St. Louis heavyweight, had a lot on the ball and would appear to be a Winter Book favorite for this year's local Golden Gloves.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By BILLY COLBERT

THE amateur boxers are training and getting ready for the busiest season ever staged in the Twin Cities. The old fox, Emmett Weller, former lightweight champion of Minnesota, has the largest stable of boys working out. Some of his star performers are Blaine Young, just out of the service, a middleweight who shows a lot of class and promise. Matt Marrelli, a bantamweight just turning 15 years old; Dick Bighley, a welterweight; Vern Salwasser, a lightweight, and Jimmy Ellis, lightweight and runnerup last year in the St. Paul Golden Gloves. In his gymnasium, bearing his name, he has 60 amateur boxers working out every evening and gives them all the attention of champions.

Pop Terry Slayton, one of the veterans of the amateur game, is handling a great bunch of amateurs this season.

The old fox (Parson Jack Tierney) has some pro fighters he is building up. Tierney has done much for amateur boxing in Minnesota.

At Minneapolis—Jackie Burke, Grand Rapids, was no match for Chuck Hunter, Cleveland middleweight, in the main event and knocked him out in the ninth round.

St. Paul—Elmer Ray, Minneapolis, knocked out Earle Lowman in the third round of a ten-round main event. The fight was no good as far as the fans were concerned. Lowman could not fight a lick and was a good setup for Ray. In the semi-windup Booker Ellis, 139, won the decision over Floyd Hagan, 136, in a good fight. Ellis sprung a surprise beating the highly touted Hagan, who had scored six straight wins in New York.

In the best fight of the night George Parks, Washington, D.C., 181, and Frank Androff, Minneapolis, 201, boxed to a six-round draw. Erle Adkinson, 176, won the decision over Don Espenson, 169, in a four-rounder. Fred Ford, 184, knocked out George O'Brien, Watertown, Wisc., in the second round.

St. James, Minn.—Dick Mays, a good featherweight, is training a good team and will stage amateur shows there this season.

Bill Bunness, Park Rapids, Minn., is the promoter of shows in Park Rapids.

Karl Malm, heavyweight, has retired since getting out of the service and operates a grocery and meat market in Park Rapids, Minn.

Citizens Club, Minneapolis—Doug Lindgren, 148, Minneapolis, defeated Bob Ahrens of Unity House, Minneapolis, in the main event of a headline card. Ahrens weighed 146. The bout was a three-round affair. Dick Bighley, 140, Wellers Gym, defeated Walter Morgan, Minneapolis, 148, in a spirited bout in which both welterweights mixed it.

Billy Flaherty, Wellers Gym, 127, won the decision over Wimpy Ellison, Unity House, 124, in a three-round bout.

Jimmy Ellis, Wellers Gym, outpointed Bill Lee, Minneapolis, in three rounds.

Harold Allie, North St. Paul glove trotter, is boxing all over the country.

Jack Laken, Cleveland, is moving in to the Twin Cities with his stable of fighters, Chuck Taylor, welterweight, Billy Bates, featherweight, and Jimmy Jordan, 175-pounder.

Bill Hawkins, Sioux City RING writer, is coming out with a Mid-west Annual on boxers, promoters and managers. Bill is one of the best in the game and his book will be watched with interest.

Louie Walker, former professional welterweight from St. Paul, now coaching the amateur boxers at the Citizens Club, has one of the best heavyweight prospects in the country. His name, Vince Donnelly. He is 16 years old and hasn't lost a fight as an amateur.

Newton Scott, the South St. Paul boxing promoter, and his partner, Jimmie Egan, are planning a busy season for this winter.

Les Johnson, the hustling manager of boxers in Minneapolis, has a great stable. His ace is Howard Bleyhl of Madison, Minn., a welterweight.

George De Gideo, featherweight, is the manager of Dick Grant, Golden Glove heavyweight, who has just turned professional.

Professional boxers looking for action should contact the writer at 319 Robert St., in St. Paul.

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ROCHESTER, N. Y., BOXING NOTES
By SAM PORCELLI

EDDIE SMITH of Rochester had to win twice to get the duke from Tommy Mills of New York, at Binghamton, N. Y., last month. Smith knocked Mills down three times in the first round and Referee Len Arnold of Binghamton, stopped the bout but a boxing commissioner ordered the referee to continue the bout and Smith won in eight rounds. In the semi-final, Irish Johnny Long of Rochester, made it 17 in a row when he stopped Vic Bellinger of Utica, in four rounds; Roy Evans won over Jackson Bradley in six rounds; Wayne Armstrong won over Billy Brent in six, and Jimmy Evans won over Billy Carpenter by a K.O. in four.

In Rochester, Bobby Dare won over Jimmy Mulligan in a slow fight in eight rounds and in the other eight-round bout Johnny Mazzanoble won over Chet Vinci. In the under card the fans got plenty of action when Irish Johnny Long, of Rochester, stopped Billy Seep of Toronto, in four rounds. Johnny DeNero, another Rochester boy who looks good, stopped Bob Sally of Buffalo, in two; Sammy Musa won over Tommy Brocken of Warren, Ohio, in six, and in the opener, Moe Harvey won in four over Danny Saunders.

Irish Johnny Rowe is back in training after a month's layoff. Rowe is ready for better fighters and the local promoter is planning on bringing in some for him. Rowe is a slam bang fighter who gives plenty of action.

Johnny Burba, the matchmaker for the amateur fights at the Elks Club, opened his fall season with a bang. The house was a sell-out and the fights were good.

With the pro club running often and the amateurs running weekly, the fight fans are in for plenty of action in Rochester. Any fighter or manager wishing to show his fighters in Rochester, will do well to contact the writer at 103 S. Union St.

IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN
With Pinky Mitchell, Former World Junior Welterweight Champion

EDDIE LANDER lost a ten-round bout at the Milwaukee Auditorium to Doll Rafferty. It was nip and tuck from then to the final bell but Rafferty won out by virtue of his cleaner and harder punching. Lander, 133½, Rafferty, 137½. Referee Jules Fidler scored Lander 6-4; the two judges scored for Rafferty, Owen Murphy 5-3, Al Beranek 7-4. Timers John Eisenman and Dr. B. B. Busby. Gross gate $6350.

On the same card, Charley Busalacchi, 151, Milwaukee, K.O.'d Louis Hall, 146½, Detroit, in 47 seconds of round 4; Matt Dougherty, 133½, Milwaukee, beat Butch Maxwell, 132½, Gary, 6 rounds; Gene Joyce, 135½, Gary, K.O.'d Marion Rhoeten, 133¼, Milwaukee, in 44 seconds of round 5; Tom Kiddy, 152, Flint, beat Tommy Varsas, 150¼, 4 rounds; Tim Dalton, 136, Chicago, defeated Pat Kelly, 141, Detroit, 4 rounds.

Charley Busalacchi is still the fighter of the month here. In 15 victories since returning from service he has scored 13 knockouts.

Matt Dougherty made a successful comeback after four years out of the ring, doing service with the Navy Air Corps. He got up off the floor in the third round to set Butch Maxwell down and went on to win the decision.

Milt Varsas, local Greek welterweight, is recovering from yellow jaundice at a local hospital—Charley Pope, another welter, has retired from the ring. He is a student at Wisconsin University Extension. Harry Kahn, a former lightweight favorite, returned to the ring, this time as a second for Busalacchi. Harold Steinman, former manager of King Levinsky, was in town with his skating Vanities for a 13-day stand. Blond Skippy Simmons and Jerry Tobin have opened a gymnasium above their Fun House.

Ran into a new one while refereeing in Dayton, Ohio. The boxing commissioners are appointed by the Sheriff. Under the Ohio boxing law each county has its own commission. Morrie Paul, proprietor of the Ringside Night Club, is the chairman, and a great sport. He is a stickler for rules and is doing a good job of keeping fighting on a high plane.

In the show Oct. 14th, Colion Chaney decisioned Johnny Hubbard, 10 rounds.

Cecil Hudson has brought his family to Milwaukee from California, rented an apartment and intends to make this city his home.

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ALL-PACIFIC INTER-COMMAND BOXING CHAMPIONS FOR 1946

By PVT. SADAMU "OSCAR" KUWAHARA

HAWAII and the Philippines shared team honors in the recent Army All-Pacific Inter-command Boxing Tournament held in swanky Memorial Hall, Tokyo, Japan. The little Hawaiian fighters brought home the flyweight, bantamweight and featherweight titles, while the PI squad took three championships in the heavier brackets. Finishing a close second with two crowns, was Korea's contingent.

Fifteen thousand servicemen, Japanese nationals, Aussies and several Russian officers took in the exciting bouts during the week at Memorial Hall, the most beautiful stadium in Tokyo, dedicated to all the gallant athletes, who fell in the Pacific campaigns.

Culminating a four-night fighting spree, the best service ringmen from Hawaii, Philippine Islands, Korea, Japan and the Marianas group staged a rousing card in the finals, which drew a near capacity crowd of over five thousand fans.

In a spectacular opening selection, Yoshio Miyamura, Honolulu, Oahu, gave Hawaii the flyweight title by outslugging rugged Ole Chard, Coos Bay, Oregon, representing the Philippines. Miyamura, who was a title-contending flyweight in the 1946 National A.A.U. tourney, working for a quick knockout, floored the Oregon pugilist twice.

Hard-hitting Walter Chung, Honolulu, Oahu, also of Hawaii, battered his way to a clean-cut decision over Bimbo Kam, fighting for the Philippines, in a bantamweight go.

Hawaii's team, composed almost entirely of Honolulu boys, made it three in a row, as Gilbert Buna, Honolulu, Oahu, copped a close verdict from Mel Gurry, Cleveland, Ohio, who carried Japan's hopes for the featherweight championship in another hair-raising adventure.

Korea's Fred Stroman, Detroit, Mich., scored the first K.O. of the evening in his lightweight struggle against Japan's classy Lloyd Watts, Chicago, Ill., in 2:10 of the third round.

Moses Akeo, Honolulu, Oahu, of the Philippine team took a shellacking from Robert Harris, Jr., Milwaukee, Wis., of Korea, but stole the thunder with his colorful and playful antics.

Striking out like a typhoon, the tournament's only southpaw, William Guerry, Cleveland, Ohio, with the Philippines' outfit, gave Jerome, Idaho's George Westfall of the Korean Theater, one of the worst beatings of the evening in their middleweight scrap.

Utilizing his longer reach to ward off his adversary, Leo Legard of Philadelphia, Pa., representing the Philippines, easily took a decision from Franklin Bohol, Honolulu, Oahu, of Hawaii's team, in the light-heavy class.

A dull finale in the heavyweight division was given to Philippines' Pedro Bradley, Cleveland, Ohio, over Harry Ellison, Meridian, Miss., of Japan's squad.

The fights were run off smoothly with the boys exhibiting exceptionally good sportsmanship. Handsome awards were presented to the champs and runners-up following the completion of the highly successful event. Memorial Hall, the former Kokugi Kan, where Japanese wrestling matches were held, is now dolled up nicely with a new coat of white paint, bright lights and a new ring. Dedicated to the many athletes who gave up their lives in the bitter Pacific campaigns, it was officially opened with the Inter-command Boxing Tournament.

SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS

By SOL C. MALOON

THIRTEEN thousand fight-fans, paying about $34,000, jammed Wembley Stadium here on Saturday night to see one of the most eagerly awaited contests in the history of South African boxing; a 10-round non-title heavyweight contest between Nick Wolmarans, 182, the S. A. heavyweight champion and the new fistic idol, 23-year-old Johnny Ralph, 188½, staged by the Transvaal National Sporting Club.

Although outpointed in practically every round, Wolmarans was not disgraced by his performance and has already signified his willingness to stake his heavyweight crown early in February against Ralph who, by that time, will have gained more valuable experience by meeting the American, Buddy Scott, who is expected to arrive here soon.

In the preliminaries: Young Jackie Solomon, 133½, outpointed Tony Lombard, 127½, in a very good four-rounder.

Duggie Miller, 159½, all but knocked out the seasoned Bertie Dartnall, 173½, in a 6-round contest.

The brilliant George Angelo, 143, who, had he remained an amateur would have been South Africa's number one choice for the Olympic games, easily outpointed Lennie Mills, 143½, in a four-round match.

In a heavyweight contest, Barney Collins, 211, gained the decision over Phil van Niekerk, 201.

Results from Capetown. In a promotion staged by the Western Province National Sporting Club, heavyweight Tiny Naas knocked out Lucky Larkin in 1 min., 40 secs. with a terrific right swing. Other results were:

Welterweights—C. Garisch knocked out "Wildcat" Mulder in the third round. A. Wilkinson beat C. Botha on points.

Light-heavyweights—Mickey Bell beat A. Henderson on a T.K.O. in the first round.

Lightweights—C. A. Daniels beat Ronnie Kane of the Royal Navy on a T.K.O., Kane's seconds throwing in the towel after 30 seconds of the second round.

Results from Durban. Light-heavyweight Contender Johnny de Villiers knocked out Adrian Scheepers in the fifth round on October 18th, in a promotion staged by the Natal National Sporting Club.

Freddie Vorster, the Transvaal middleweight champion, gave a polished display in outpointing Johnny Pieters, a rugged Johannesburg boy.

Welterweights—Gilly van der Westhuizen K.O.'ed George Bushney in the fourth round, Bushney taking three counts before the end.

Dave Katzen, official contender for the national lightweight championship, proved too clever for Snowy Smith in their 6-round bout.

In the opening bout of the night, Ginger Rowe defeated Kitchener, the fight being stopped in the third round.

RING NEWS FROM HAWAII

By TED YAMACHIKA

A GOOD crowd of 4534 fans paid $8456.50 to witness the boxing show at the Civic Auditorium featuring Dado Marino and Val Valentine in the eight-round main event.

Territorial flyweight champ, Dado Marino, at 116½, fighting for the first time in many months, appeared slow and failed to display the form which had previously elevated him to the position of number one contender for the world's title. Throughout the eight rounds he seemed satisfied to fight only in spurts and failed to capitalize on his opponent's mistakes. His vaulted left was impotent and rarely found its mark.

On the other hand, professionally inexperienced Val Valentine, 117⅛, fought as well as could be expected and appeared in better condition than the champ at the end of the fight. Had he thrown caution to the wind and mixed it up more freely from the beginning there is a chance that he could have beaten Marino. The split decision went to Dado Marino.

Other results: In the six-round semi-final, Billy Gibson, 132⅞, knocked out Lefty Quiocho, 127⅝, in the fourth.

Robert Takeshita, 135¼, flattened Johnny Torres, 133⅞, in the fourth of his ninth straight kayo win.

Manuel Anduha, 129¼, knocked out Jimmy Joseph, 129⅛, in the third of a four.

Hideo Tengan, 125⅞, won the decision over ancient Kid Waianae in the four-round curtain-raiser.

Popular Richard Asato, 135⅝, surviving a knockout in the eighth and final round, pounded out a well-earned unanimous decision over Territorial light-weight champion, Richard Silva, 132¾, in a non-title fight at the Civic Auditorium on October 14. The fight was promoted by Leo Leavitt and drew a gate of 3099 cash customers, grossing $5483.75.

Two months ago when these two met in a 7-round bout, it was advertised as a championship fight. Richard Asato won handily and was immediately conferred the Territorial diadem. But a later ruling by the Territorial Boxing Commission returned the title to Richard Silva on the grounds that Asato did not rightfully win the crown inasmuch as it had been previously stated that title bouts should go at least ten rounds. So though beaten twice by Richard Asato, a legitimate lightweight, Richard Silva is still the champion.

Other results: Walter Kahookele, 137¼, knocked out Ken Monar, 136⅜, in the 3rd heat of a 4-rounder.

It took Eddie Salazar, 136¾, just 1.47 to flatten Paul Rodrigues, 142¼, in a 4-round fight.

Tony Rodrigues, 116⅜, T.K.O.'ed Richard De la Cruz, 110½, in the first round.

Tony Generalao, 129⅛, decisioned Johnny Ropedo, 129⅝, in the 4-round curtain raiser.

BOXING IN CUBA

By MILT BARON

WILLIE PEP, world's featherweight champion, will meet Miguel Acevedo, the Cuban featherweight champion, in Havana, on December 21. Luis Godoy, Cuba's premier boxing promoter, will stage it. The bout should draw well as Acevedo is a big gate attraction. Nat Fleischer will be the guest referee.

Mario Ochoa, Cuba's middleweight titleholder, had no trouble in defeating Jesus Vila in a 12-round titular contest at the Palace of Sports in Havana. Vila waged a hard battle but was not good enough for Ochoa.

Hankin Barrows of Panama, who fought here in Havana several times, always making a hit with boxing followers, appeared in top form and had no difficulty in winning the ten-round decision from Jose Garcia Alvarez, the Spanish welterweight champion.

Bobby Britton, welterweight from Miami, put up one of the toughest battles ever seen in Havana rings, only to lose a ten-round decision to Joe Garcia Alvarez, welterweight champion of Spain. Britton suffered a bad cut over the left eye, and bled profusely, but that did not keep him from forcing the fight from start to finish. Garcia had a slight edge at the end, and deserved the decision, but he knew he was in a fight.

Havana Stadium, built right in the heart of Havana, has been completed, and can be rated as high as any ball park in the world. It is also equipped with lighting effects for night games like the Yankee Stadium. Promoter Luis Godoy expects to present big boxing programs in the Havana Stadium, starting with the Willie Pep-Miguel Acevedo card.

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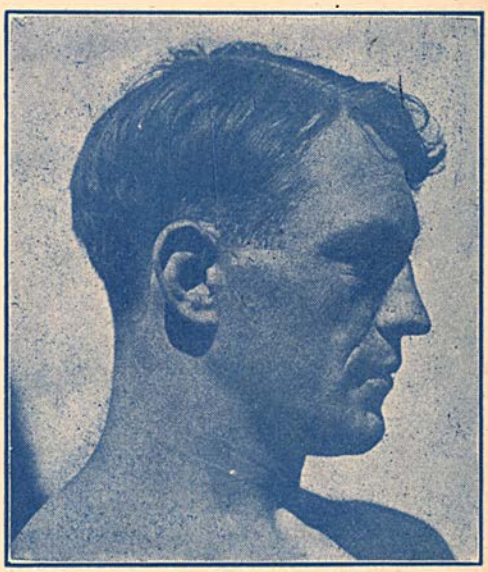

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